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Business as usual

GREENWICH Council has been helping to keep residents and visitors on the move during the cold snap. All councils have been facing a challenging time during the heavy snows of last week but the council is doing its

best to keep everyone informed. You can keep up to date on local developments by visiting the council website at www.greenwich.gov.uk/winterweather where information about

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In my
opinion

Let's wait
for the
season to
be jolly!



IT began weeks ago. When innocently trying to go about our shopping, our lives were accompanied by a relentless soundtrack of Christmas music. It was exhausting. Don't get me wrong, I love Christmas. It's my favourite time of year. However, the last time I consulted my calendar, it occurred in December. So why were we surrounded by it in early November? Before I make myself seem like a modern day scrooge, let me explain. In my childhood, Christmas festivities began on December 1, the month that the festival was actually in. At school we'd start piecing together our own little books retelling the nativity. Then, as the month progressed (painstakingly counted down via the windows of an advent calendar), there'd be the school Christmas concert, the end of term and then the presents would be placed around the tree (accompanied by screams of "get away from them presents - and stop shaking them!"). And eventually, after what seemed an eternity, it was Christmas day. It

was a long old wait. And nowadays, with shops stocking up with Christmas related tack in October - and the sound of Christmas songs clogging up the airwaves - that anticipation for the big day must be like torture for today's little ones. It won't be long before advent calendars are ten times the size, so kids can count down from Valentine's Day! I understand that shops rely on Christmas to bankroll the rest of the year. And I understand that people like to get prepared in advance. But this can't go on! Every year the festive season gets earlier and earlier. If we carry on at this rate, Santa will be delivering his treasures on a surf board wearing Speedos! I worry that by continually hyping Christmas so early, we are actually diluting its magic. So let's put a ban on the festive season until December 1. Let's boycott mince pies until the beginning of the twelfth month and if we see Rudolf making an appearance before then, let's give him a real reason for a red nose! Christmas is in December. Let's leave it there.

Dean Beadle

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Hospice lottery Christmas draw

BUY someone a hospice lottery ticket this Christmas and they could be onto a New Year winner! Lottery Gift Vouchers priced £10 and upwards are now available from Greenwich and Bexley Community Hospice on Bostall Hill, Abbey Wood. For further details contact the hospice's lottery manager Stacey Booth on

020-8319 9240 or download a form at www.cottagehospicelottery.org.uk Anyone over the age of 16 can sign up to the weekly draw at just £2 per week and, each week, 40 winners share in the £1,500 prize fund which has a top prize of £1,000. Lottery Gift subscriptions are available all year round. You can also buy single

lottery tickets from each of the hospice's charity shops and at hospice reception. The winners of the jackpot and the 39 other cash prizes are selected each Friday and announced on the lottery website. Local people can also support the hospice by taking part in its annual Christmas Draw. Tickets are £1 each and there are

five cash prizes to be won in time for Christmas including a top prize of £1,000. The winner will be drawn on Thursday, December 16, at 8pm at the Broadway Shopping Centre, Bexleyheath. Christmas draw tickets are available from the hospice's fundraising office on 020 8319 9230.



BEST STROKES: the winning Greenwich team with Cllr Fahy and Mayor of Greenwich Barbara Barwick

We're the hosts
with the most!

Greenwich wins first 2012 swimming gala

by Peter Cordwell

A SPLASHING effort by Greenwich swimmers saw them win the first Speedo 5 Host Boroughs Trophy in front of a jubilant home crowd at the Eltham Centre on Saturday, November 27.

The team of more than 40 swimmers was drawn from clubs and schools across the borough and they received the prestigious trophy and medals from Team GB Olympian and Commonwealth Games bronze medallist Jessica Sylvester.

Boys' captain, 17-year-old Ben Duxbury told GT: "We've had a fantastic day. Events

like these are really encouraging for young swimmers like ourselves and taking part was a great experience."

Girls captain Rachel Davis, 14, added: "We had a great team spirit and have been inspired to do more competing."

More than 200 young swimmers participated in the gala, designed and run by Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL) - managers of the leisure facilities at the Eltham Centre on behalf of Greenwich Council - "to encourage community sport and showcase a swimming performance pathway in the host boroughs."

Working in partnership, the five boroughs - Greenwich,

Hackney, Newham, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest - will each host the annual championships to celebrate the London Olympics and create a 2012 sports legacy for swimming in London.

GLL managing director Mark Sennan said: "We are very pleased to host this event. It is tangible evidence of the five host boroughs and GLL working together to help build an Olympic and Paralympic legacy."

"We operate all the public pools in all five boroughs and we invest heavily in all dimensions of swimming. The swimming championship will be an annual event and we very much hope that a range of inter-borough competitions

in other sports will follow."

Cllr John Fahy, the council's cabinet member for culture and the Olympics, added: "Having the first 5 Host Borough Swimming Championship in Greenwich was very exciting for everyone involved. The swimmers were all up to the challenge and the Greenwich swimmers extended themselves to win. I was delighted to be involved in such a professional event"

Waltham Forest finished second, Tower Hamlets third, Newham fourth and Hackney fifth.

Find out more about Greenwich's role in the 2012 Games at www.greenwich.gov.uk/2012

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Stick to it

Council's new sticker scheme highlights safe eateries

by Hilary Bryan

CUSTOMERS can see if food premises are meeting hygiene standards before they walk through the door thanks to a new sticker scheme.

Greenwich Council has issued the new stickers to restaurants, cafés, hotels and other catering businesses to put up in their windows to show they have passed a food hygiene inspection.

The stickers are supplied in addition to the food hygiene certificates that are issued to catering establishments that currently meet the required standards for the council's food hygiene award.

The window stickers have been produced to support responsible businesses as Greenwich prepares to welcome visitors who'll be staying and eating in the borough in the run up and during the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2012.

Cllr Maureen O'Mara, Greenwich Council's Cabinet Member for environment and community safety, said: "The new stickers add to the work that Greenwich council has done over many years to provide clear information to the public about the hygiene standards of local food businesses.

"Residents can feel reassured the food is safe and made in a hygienic environment and local residents and visitors can continue to make informed choices about where they eat."

Cllr Denise Hyland, Greenwich Council's Cabinet member for regeneration, enterprise and skills, added: "Our cafés, bars, restaurants and hotels are a vital part of what makes Greenwich special which is something that is valued and appreciated by residents and visitors alike.

"We've launched these stickers as part of our help to local businesses in promoting the quality of their services. I am sure those businesses will see the benefit of this as they prepare for an influx of visitors in the run-up of 2012."

The sticker scheme was launched at the Friends cafe in Barnard Close, Woolwich. Durim Muca has been running the cafe for eight years and said: "The stickers are a very good idea as people will know that places are run to a certain standard."

His business partner Durim Hallulli



SIGN OF A GOOD PLACE: Cllrs Maureen O'Mara and Denise Hyland present a food hygiene certificate and sticker to Durim Muca and Durim Hallulli, joint owners of Woolwich's Friends cafe, inset a close-up of the window sticker

added: "We are well known to the area and to the office people around here but it still benefits us as it will reassure people who might be sceptical."

• Details of catering businesses that have passed their inspections and those who have failed are listed on the council's website and are updated weekly. Visit www.greenwich.gov.uk and search for 'food hygiene'.

Businesses that would like to find out more about the sticker scheme or get free advice on maintaining safety standards can contact the council's environmental health service on 020 8921 8177 or email health@greenwich.gov.uk

• For more information about food hygiene awards, visit www.greenwich.gov.uk/business

Borough BRIEFS

Primary school open day

PROSPECTIVE parents of Key Stage Two children at Millennium Primary School in John Harrison Way can join open day tours of the school on December 8 or 9, or on January 12, from 9.30am-10.30am. To book a place please call the school on 020-8858 0394. More information is available on the school website - www.millennium.greenwich.sch.uk

IT TAKES TWO

GREENWICH Dance is running a one-off Tango Workshop on January 15. The workshop is suited to dancers with previous experience, who want to hone their skills and technique. The class will focus on the interpretation of music and partner-work and runs from 1.30-3.30pm. At The Borough Hall, Royal Hill, SE10 8RE Call 020-8293 9741 to book. More info at www.greenwichdance.org.uk

Band aid

LOCAL band 'Blue Sky Pink' play in Passey Place, Eltham, between 11am and 2pm on Saturday (December 11) to raise funds for Eltham Phoenix Rotary local charities.

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It's much more than Handy

MY purpose in writing is to congratulate you on the Greenwich Handyperson scheme.

I think it is a brilliant and attractive idea, to help those in the borough in need of practical help missing in their homes due to age or disability. Now that I have actually benefited from it I want to let you know how wonderful it is, to be in receipt of



just that assistance that makes all the difference to quality of life. Things one once took for granted, using a screwdriver at the

least, are sadly missed when your body lets you down - either due to the ageing process or illness.

I am in a particularly bad place at the moment on the health front, but the visit of Rob Moore, to bring order back to my kitchen, has really helped lighten my mood and cheer me up. So, practical help that works to make you (me) happy. You are in advance of David Cameron and his "happiness" idea.

I hope nothing will happen to close the Handyperson service down. I send the manager and the rest of the team my thanks. What a good idea Handyperson is, and it works so well on different levels.

Patricia Hands

• The handyperson service helps people aged 60 or over with odd jobs around their home. Disabled residents, whatever their age, can also get help.

Can't we be festive as well?

TODAY the postman delivered a pamphlet entitled 'Festive Greenwich'.

As I live in Abbey Wood I assumed I was to be informed of events in the Borough of Greenwich during the forthcoming festive season, but what did I find?

The 13 events listed were all taking place in Greenwich. What was the point in sending this pamphlet to residents living in Abbey Wood? However, in all honesty I'm not surprised because sometimes I

wonder just what borough I do live in.

Apart from the weekly visitation by the refuse collectors I do not seem to have much to tie me to the Town Hall in Woolwich. But wait - the London Borough of Greenwich write to me once a year,

They send my Council Tax demand!

**David McMillan,
Abbey Wood**

• THE leaflet you refer to was produced by the Maritime Greenwich

World Heritage Site marketing group and not Greenwich Council.

The group has been promoting Christmas in Greenwich for the last few years as there is a good variety of events and activities for visitors, Londoners and residents alike.

The group chose to include an insert of the leaflet in Greenwich Time so as to reach as many residents as possible, not wanting to exclude anybody and giving everyone an opportunity to visit Greenwich and enjoy the festivities. Ed

Top Tweets

LOTS of people commented on Greenwich Council's efforts to deal with the snow on Twitter. Here are a few: PEOPLE often complain about how snow grinds things to a halt, but if the government pumped millions into 'snow gear' people would complain about that too!

My view - be thankful for eyesight to be able to see the pretty snow and plan ahead when snow is due! Life is too short to gripe about things like this. From @ShaherahJordan

ANY chance of the gritting team visiting the local residential roads? ie Canberra Road? and well done for keeping people informed, great part of the council services I have seen in years better than South Eastern trains @techgadgetsUK

THANKS @Greenwichcouncil for clearing pavements in Greenwich town centre -

reduction in slipping around is appreciated! @wiliassie

DEAR Greenwich Council, Thank you for gritting the roads in Blackheath. Please can you do the pavements too? @JoBrodie

GREENWICH Council have gritted all main roads, sweet as but soon as you hit Bexley territory it's an absolute mess. @pauwall

GREENWICH Council's website seems to have crashed under the weight of parents checking to see if they've got a day off work @kidbrookekite

LOOKS like another day stuck in the house. I need Greenwich Council to tell me exactly what they do with council tax @AltiusTendo

• Follow Twitter @Greenwichcouncil for service updates and offers

OUR Star Letter writer will win two tickets to a Charlton Athletic match at The Valley for the 2010/11 season, so get writing! For information on 2010/11 season tickets please visit www.cafc.co.uk or call 0871 226 1905.



Course we did!

GREENWICH Community College organised the Digital Art-Photoshop course for elderly beginners like me.

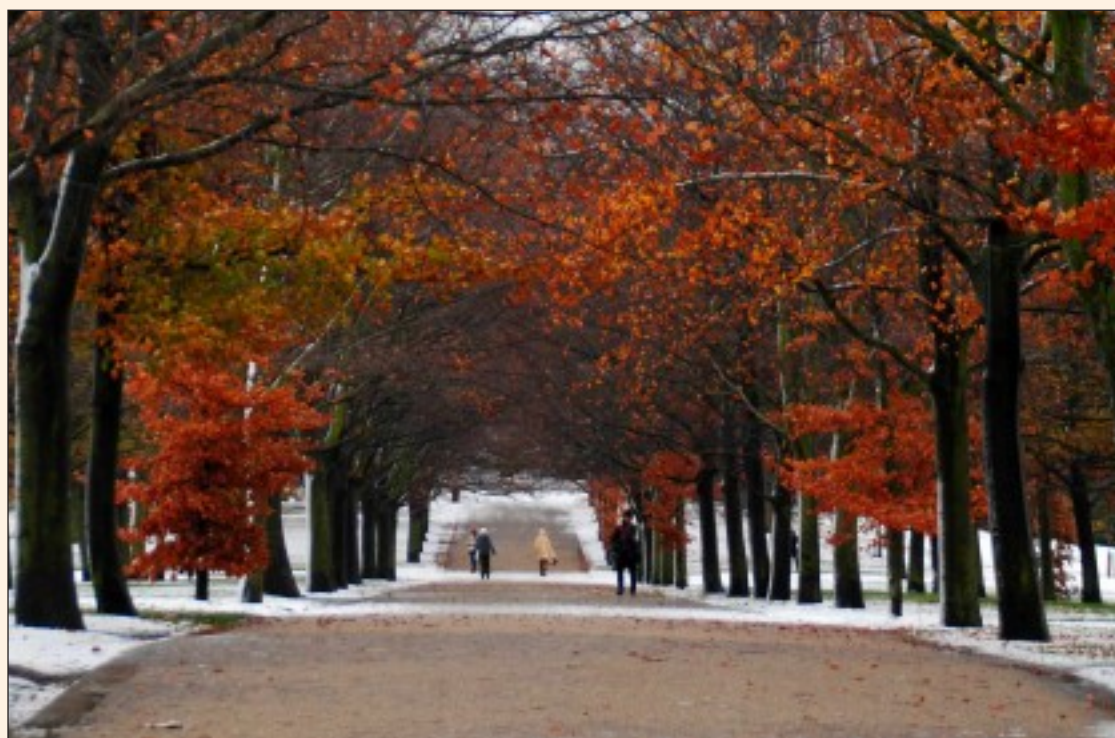
We started on September 21 and met every Tuesday from 1pm-4pm.

The tutor, Rob Horsley, familiarised us with the Adobe Photoshop programme. We not only used our spare time effectively by learning to make our photos look better but also discovered the creative side inside of us. We enjoyed the course very much. Our age was our asset. We proved that we are still competitive with an active mind.

If you are interested in this course go to www.gcc.ac.uk or call 020-8488 4800 for further details.

**Helena Rowland
Thamesmead**

Pic Spot... send yours to peter@cfjournals.demon.co.uk



AMY CHEESEMAM: 'I took this picture in Greenwich Park on November 30.'

The gym is great outdoors

JUST wanted to say a big thank you for the installation of the outdoor gym at Bostall Heat.

It is a fantastic addition to the area.

I am currently recovering from knee surgery so the outdoor gym is absolutely perfect for my rehabilitation with a good mix of equipment. But not just for me.

I can imagine a number of other regular park users who could make good use of this - for example, the local football club, the bowls club and numerous joggers.

Plus it's a free resource for the community to use when other gyms can be expensive. I, for one, am really pleased - thank you!

M. Hammonds, Welling

Grit down in advance of the snow



GREENWICH Council was gritting since the previous week to prepare road surfaces for the snow and icy weather that hit the borough on Monday, November 29. Since then the council has been working round the clock to keep roads and essential services open. The gritting teams were out non-stop from the Monday afternoon making rounds of the borough's roads on a priority basis. Main roads, public transport routes, emergency service routes and hilly areas were prioritised first, followed by residential streets and pathways. Not all streets were

done but the council was doing its best to get round to as many streets as possible. The aim was to coat the roads with salt then repeat the action with fresh layers of salt and grit to try to counteract the continuing snowfall. The council deployed six gritters stationed at its Birchmere Depot in Thamesmead and had trebled the number of roadside salt bins around the borough. Cleansweep teams were also working to clear pavements and to lay grit, prioritising the busiest areas and pathways on hilly residential roads, followed by less busy (and flatter) roads and paths.

It was an ongoing operation with teams working shifts round the clock to try to combat the severe weather conditions. Because of the weather some properties did not have their regular refuse collections, but the council was aiming to resume normal weekly collections by yesterday (Monday). Some schools and children's centres were forced to close but Charlton special school, and Haimo and Meridian primary schools stayed open all week. Three libraries - Coldharbour, East Greenwich and Ferrier - closed for one day because of staff shortages

due to the weather. Services to the elderly were being maintained. On average the borough's Meals on Wheels service delivers to 300 people each week and all the frozen meals were delivered for each day, while meals were cooked for around 35 people each day. Crematorium and cemeteries were operating services normally although some services were cancelled by funeral directors or families. ● For the latest news on conditions and how schools and other public buildings are affected please go to www.greenwich.gov.uk/ winterweather

Drink and it could be clink!

Young drivers targeted in Christmas crackdown

by Peter Cordwell

YOUNG male drivers are being targeted to 'Think!' before they become a tragic statistic this Christmas.

And they're also being warned that drink driving is a crime like any other and could lead to prison.

The Department for Transport (DfT) campaign has made drivers aged 17 to 29 the primary focus for their seasonal campaign that runs up to January 2, 2011.

The DfT says young men are "over-represented" in the drink-drive KJSS - those who are killed or seriously injured.

A national radio campaign this year will also be backed up by washroom posters in pubs, clubs and online.

The consequences of a drink-drive conviction, from the moment they realise they're getting pulled over, will be highlighted in the campaign.

The tag-line for the campaign is 'Get caught drink driving and you'll be processed like any other criminal. THINK! Don't Drink and Drive.'

Free poster are available to libraries, community centres, youth clubs, doctors surgeries, schools and colleges.

At the same time, Christmas party goers are being warned by police to think before they drive the morning after a big night out.

This is the key message during this year's month-long police drink driving campaign, which started on December 1.

Police forces across the UK



POSTER POWER: the poster being used in the DfT campaign

will be working to make sure roads are safer by detecting drivers under the influence of drink or drugs.

The crackdown follows last year's highly successful campaign that saw more drivers than ever being stopped over the holiday period. During the campaign 223,423 drivers were tested, resulting in more

than 7,500 arrests.


An Association of Chief Police officers spokesperson told GT: "Many people think they have to be involved in a collision or commit an offence to be stopped and breathalysed. However, police officers can stop any vehicle at any time, day or night. They do not have to have a reason.

■ It is important that drivers are more aware of the dangers associated with drink driving as well as the severe penalties they could face ■

"If you are stopped, and there is any suspicion that you have been drinking, then you will almost certainly be asked to provide a breath test. People should be in no doubt that if they are found to be over the limit they will be brought before the courts.

"Many don't realise that alcohol stays in the system for a number of hours, and that they could still be over the limit the next morning when getting in the car to drive to work or drop the children off at school."

Cllr Maureen O'Mara, Greenwich Council's cabinet member for community safety and environment, said: "It is important that drivers are more aware of the dangers associated with drink driving as well as the severe penalties they could face. This could potentially involve losing a licence, a heavy fine and even a prison sentence. We hope these campaigns will help reduce road casualties and assist everyone in the borough to enjoy a safe and happy Christmas."

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Yes, it IS rocket science!

Students celebrate new status by joining space race

by Dick Townsend-Smith

STUDENTS from The John Roan School joined the space race by sending a Star Wars-style armada of rockets up to 300 metres into the wintery skies over Blackheath.

All the rockets were made by the students themselves, using cardboard tubes, wooden fins and chemical-powered motors. They also made and attached tin foil parachutes to bring the spent rockets back to earth.

The event on Monday, November 29, was part of a special day to celebrate the school on Maze Hill achieving its specialist status in Science and Mathematics - the only one in the borough to be awarded this distinction by the government.

To achieve it the school had to put in a bid to show its plans to involve the

community with its science curriculum. Led by head of science Phil Kirch, the plans involved nearby nursery and primary schools, local businesses and parents, with the Greenwich Observatory nearby being used for fieldwork. Headteacher Des Malone described the award as "a very good fillip for the school."

Assistant head Sanjiv Pathak organised the day, with the pupils building rockets under the expert tuition of a team from Manchester-based aerospace company Starchaser that carries out research and development, and takes its scientific work into schools through educational visits.

The Starchaser team brought along with them a genuine Skybolt rocket, mounted on the back of a truck. These are used for taking research equipment to high altitudes, and can reach up to 62 miles, which is considered to be "in space." Dr. Robert Massey, of the Royal Astronomical Society, also agreed to visit on the day to mark this occasion.

Students were left motivated and fascinated by their rocket-building, which involved using skills based on scientific and mathematical concepts.

Brogan Gillies, 16, from Greenwich, spent two hours working on his rocket. He told GT: "I've always been interested in science so any opportunity to get involved is exciting for me. My biggest worry is that my rocket will go sideways when I launch it." But Brogan needn't have worried - his rocket went up, and kept on going up until the fuel ran out.

Christine Ashworth, from Westcombe Park, and Ella Statham, from Blackheath, both 14, worked together on building their rocket. "Launching it and seeing it go up after we built it was really amazing and very impressive because making it was a bit of trial and error," said Christine. And Ella added: "We were building something that we could send into the unknown, and it's our generation who will be doing it in the future."

All the students all gave their rockets a name, and painted it on the side. Christine and Ella called theirs 'Detour' because, as Ella explained: "we were sure it would get there in the end, but we thought it might take a few wrong turnings on the way!"



UP SHE GOES: two Roan students send up their rocket

Borough BRIEFS

Wembley

THIRTY-ONE local youngsters and their parents, were guests of the Charlton Athletic Community Trust at the international between England and France at Wembley. All the young people attend workshop programmes in

mainstream secondary schools as an alternative curriculum. Matt Horne, the trust's Greenwich social inclusion officer, said: "We have a Premier League style league table and the top three pupils in the school workshop won the trip."

'LIGHT UP A LIFE' HOSPICE SERVICES

THE Greenwich and Bexley community hospice is hoping to raise at least £15,000 over the festive season with its special 'Light Up a Life' appeal. It's organising eight services this month to give people the opportunity to celebrate the lives of those they have lost - and to support the work of the hospice. Everyone is welcome, whether their loved one

was cared for by the hospice or not. Visit events.cottagehospice.org.uk/lights/services.aspx for a full list of services. For more information and to make a dedication to a loved one visit events.cottagehospice.org.uk/lights. Last year the hospice cared for over 2,000 patients and families. It has to raise around £3.4m of its £6m a year running-costs.

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'What Christmas is all about'

Church members sponsor food hampers

by Pat Greenwood

NEW Wine is the toast of the community again this Christmas.

Individual congregation members at the church in John Wilson Street, Woolwich, have donated enough cash to fill a total of 2,500 food hampers for local residents facing a difficult festive season.

That adds up to over 18,000 hampers since this special appeal started 10 years ago.

A few months before Christmas, the New Wine Church leaders encourage the congregation to donate generously. Members respond by sponsoring one or more hampers - or sometimes a fraction of a hamper - for the elderly, single parents, and people on low incomes. This year, some individual members were reported to have donated 10, 20, 40 and even 100 hampers!

Each hamper contains everything that an average family requires for a good Christmas meal.

That includes a 5kg turkey, stuffing, gravy, roasting potatoes, carrots, parsnips, strawberry jam, cranberry sauce, chocolate chip cookies, an assortment of nuts, sparkling non-alcoholic wine and Christmas crackers.

There is also a Christmas card, a goodwill message from the church, a Christmas mini book and a magazine.

Individuals and community groups are then invited to apply for hampers via a special voucher scheme which is advertised locally. All this year's hampers



BOXING CLEVER: locals pick up their hampers

have now been allocated.

The senior pastor of the church, Dr Tayo Adeyemi said: "I am really proud of our folks, how they rise to the occasion year after year. I recognise that for many of them, it is a tremendous sacrifice, especially in the current economic climate. Yet they extend themselves and give to help others. That's what Christmas is all about!"

The hampers will be distributed a few days before Christmas, and the MP for Greenwich and Woolwich, Nick Raynsford, is expected to open the campaign.

• New Wine are known for their generosity, not only locally, but also around the world. One Christmas, the members donated 1,000 goats to villages in Zambia and helped to rebuild three primary schools in partnership with the World Vision initiative.

Another year, they sent over 2,000 shoe boxes filled with toys to children in Eastern Europe in partnership with Samaritan's Purse.

Last year, in addition to the hamper campaign, they sent 3,994 pairs of used shoes to war torn nations in Africa. The church also runs a lepers' colony in India, which consists of 55 housing units built entirely from donations by church members.

MP Nick Raynsford told GT: "New Wine Church does a lot of charity work in the local community, especially at Christmas, when thousands of hampers are handed out to low-income families in the area. I am looking forward to helping out this year and meeting the many people who will benefit from this generous act".

Chicken take-away fined

THE owner of a fried chicken take-away has been prosecuted for hygiene offences.

Daniel Assefa was fined £1,900 including costs when he appeared at Woolwich Magistrates Court last Monday, November 29.

His appearance followed a prosecution by Greenwich Council environmental health officers who had visited the Kings Chicken take-away in Plumstead Road.

Mr Assefa pleaded guilty to six charges in relation to a lack of cleaning, food which had been contaminated by mice and failure to put in place procedures to manage food safety. The Magistrate stated that these were very serious offences.

The court heard that an environmental health officer carried out a routine inspection



FILTHY: a dirty electrical socket in the kitchen

earlier this year on February 17. The inspector found mice droppings on the computer used to take food orders and on the floor behind chest freezers.

Vegetables used in salads were stored uncovered and exposed to contamination by rodents, potentially putting people's health at risk. Filthy cutting boards and rusty knives were being used to prepare foods, and antibacterial

cleaning products were not available to disinfect surfaces.

Cllr Maureen O'Mara, Greenwich Council's cabinet member for community safety, said: "The vast majority of food businesses achieve good standards and are granted the council's food hygiene award, but this business was one of the few that didn't meet the required standards and posed a serious risk to public health."

She added: "Our environmental health teams are always willing to offer free advice to food premises on their responsibilities for ensuring food safety and food business owners are welcome to contact them. We also work in conjunction with Business Link in London who run a free, confidential service giving more general advice on successfully running a business."

Saving the past for the future

by Dick Townsend-Smith

ARCHITECT Ursula Bowyer is now living in retirement on Maze Hill with her husband Gordon after a lifetime helping to design and build the future. The couple were among the foremost young architects of their day. They designed the Sports Pavilion at the South Bank Exhibition for the 1951 Festival of Britain, to great public acclaim. "Gordon and I were the two youngest professionals to be involved, and the other designers considered us rather as young upstarts," she told GT. "But our work, and indeed the whole festival, was a huge success."

The couple formed an architects' firm and worked on contracts for the Cabinet War Rooms, the National Portrait Gallery and in 1983 on the Royal Naval College in Greenwich when the Royal Navy still occupied the site. Ursula also designed the new porch at St Luke's Church in Eltham and a new platform bridge linking the church and the church hall, which was built in 2005. She has been a leading member of the Greenwich Society since the 1960s, and was its chairman for many years, later becoming

Me & my borough

its first Life President. "We came to Greenwich after the war and we have lived in our house on Maze Hill for close to 60 years," she said. "When we first moved in, a car or a lorry was a rare sight and the milkman came in a horse and cart. In fact, my daughter's first word was 'horse'."

"The society started as a small group of anxious residents whose houses were to be demolished to make way for faster roads. It seems unbelievable now that the threat was imminent, so this crazy little group got together and mounted a successful opposition. "Greenwich has changed hugely since I moved here. It's become better connected with the DLR and the Jubilee Line. At seven miles, Greenwich has the largest river frontage of any borough in London and it used to be mainly industrial. Unfortunately the industry gradually collapsed and the land was developed, mainly for housing. This really changed

what made it tick, and Greenwich has now become a major tourist attraction instead. "If I could have one wish to change something about Greenwich it would definitely be the traffic. I would ban it completely. The town is ruined by traffic at the moment, and this is why I joined the Greenwich Society in the first place."

This summer Ursula was awarded an honorary degree, Doctorate of Design, by the University of Greenwich. Her eulogist, Professor Alan Powers, Professor in Architecture & Cultural History, said: "What Ursula has achieved is not to be measured just in terms of personal architectural output. We also celebrate her contribution to the work of the Greenwich Society, for which we owe the survival of the town and Naval College as we know them today."

In fact, Ursula herself still rides her bicycle to the shops. She also attends yoga classes every week to keep herself mobile – something she has been doing for 20 years.

HONOURED: wearing a traditional gown in blue and gold damask silk and a Tudor-style academic bonnet, Ursula Bowyer at the Old Royal Naval College where she received her honorary degree from the University of Greenwich



Help with keeping warm

GREENWICH Council is reminding elderly and vulnerable residents of the extra support they can get with staying warm during the cold snap. People could get a Cold Weather Payment to help pay their fuel bills. These are worth £25 and are paid automatically in periods of very cold weather where average temperatures remain below zero degrees for seven consecutive days. Pensioners, families with children under 5 and people with long-term health problems or disabilities can get this help if they receive certain benefits. A payment has already been triggered in the area following the recent spell of cold weather for the period up to December 2. You don't have to do anything or make a claim; payments are made automatically within 14 working days.

- If you should have had a payment and don't receive one call Jobcentre Plus (if you are working age) on 0845 603 5759; or the Pension Service on 0845 606 0265.

Local people can find out more on help with heating costs on Greenwich Council's website at www.greenwich.gov.uk/Greenwich/BenefitsGrants. You can also get a free benefits check or a copy of a 'Help with fuel costs' factsheet, from the council's Welfare Rights Team on 020 8921 6375 (textphone 18001 020 8921 4900).

Athletes on their marks

Starting Blocks cash boost for sport talents

TWENTY-EIGHT young athletes have won funding from Greenwich Council's Starting Blocks Trust.

The charity was set up to help aspiring young athletes develop their talents.

Last week, trustees awarded the latest round of bursaries which will help them with travel expenses, kit and training.

Five Starting Blocks Ambassadors received £1000 including Judo champ Gemma Gibbons. Gemma had a fantastic year achieving Gold at the European Cup in Russia earlier this year, and Silver in the Judo World Cup event in the UK in October. Gemma is now looking forward to the Olympic qualifying events next year and is a firm favourite to make Team GB for the 2012 Games.

Another Ambassador, Davoud Etminani, also received £1000. Davoud is now looking forward to the Taekwondo



SPORTING STARS: young athletes meet council leader Chris Roberts and sports commentator Steve Ryder at a Starting Blocks fundraising dinner earlier this year

World Championships in Korea next year thanks to funding from Starting Blocks. Six other talented athletes also received £500 each including fencers Jonathon Webb and Ayesha Fihosy. Other bursaries of £250, £100 and training

facility memberships were also awarded along with training facility memberships. Greenwich Council leader Chris Roberts, who is chair of the Greenwich Starting Blocks Trustees, said: "I'm honoured to be Chair of this charity. We have watched these young athletics go from strength to strength and it's good to know that our support has helped them. There are many talented young athletes but the essential costs of training, travel and equipment could put success beyond their reach. The Trust raises money to provide bursaries that will help young sporting talent cover some of these costs. By supporting these young people now, we can all share in their successes in 2012 and beyond"

- For further details about the charity and how you can help visit www.greenwich.gov.uk/startingblocks

Making the difference

Greenwich secondary school pupils meet at Y-Factor conference to take responsibility for change

A FORUM was held for young people to express their opinions on what they would like to see improve in Greenwich. The meeting was a chance for the young people to help share responsibility in the borough and to report back on issues they had previously been working on. The Y-Factor conference was held in Eltham on November 26, and over 100 pupils from nine schools across the borough attended.

'Y' is for Youth, and there was a panel of experts to field the questions from the young people present, which included Police Superintendent Chris Hafford and a representative from the BP Young Leaders Programme.

Issues that had been raised at previous meetings were discussed in more depth. The concerns for the 11 to 16-year-olds: how the safety for school children in the borough could be improved; what the Olympic legacy is going to mean for local people, and whether a greater number of extra-curricular facilities such as skate parks could be provided in the area. Five schools made presentations to the room at the Professional Development Centre on Middle Park Avenue to start the conference.

John Roan pupils did a piece about raising awareness of online safety when using YouTube and Facebook or playing games via the internet, and conducted a road safety quiz, while a group from Thomas Tallis made a powerful and affecting movie on the subject of mental health - an area that the young people themselves said they did not understand. The process helped them get an insight into the impact of mental ill-health and explores ways in which friends, parents and other adults might help.

Students from Woolwich Poly focused on the range of activities available to them in the borough after school hours, and why they thought such activities were important and helpful to them. St. Paul's Academy used their five-minute slot to highlight out of school activities and Plumstead Manor covered the trauma of bullying.

The event - which was organised by young people, lasted all day and there were two sets of workshops. One set was on participation structures, including the Greenwich Young People's Council which is holding elections for new members in February, and Area Youth Forums. The second workshop was on issues raised by young people in the Tellus survey last year which was completed by over 3000 young people from Greenwich schools. 15-year old David Hall from Eltham Foundation School said: "It was a good experience to lead it as well as be involved. The day was really informative and the atmosphere was very friendly and creative I was impressed with the questions for the panel because they



AIMING HIGH: Blackheath Blue Coat pupil gives the Y-Factor event top marks, above. Below, the Professional Development Centre on Middle Park Avenue was packed with 100 pupils from across the borough keen to make a difference



were so thoughtful. "I'm sure it will help me in the future; I've learned about working in a team and cooperating. "The best part was seeing lots of young people together putting all their energy into something positive." Cllr Jackie Smith, Greenwich Council's cabinet member for children and young people added: "It is crucial that young people from the borough engage with us

on the issues that they feel most relevant. The Y-Factor event has shown that young people are eager to engage if they are given the opportunity. The conference raised a lot of points that we will be trying to address in the future to make young people's lives in Greenwich safer and happier." • For the latest education and libraries news, visit www.greenwich.gov.uk/education

AIR AMBULANCE MAKES FLYING START TO RAISE COPTER FUNDS

LONDON'S Air Ambulance fundraising team will be collecting at Sainsbury's supermarket on the Greenwich Peninsula on December 10 and 11.

The team have also put collection-boxes and leaflets in several of the shops in Eltham High Street and they'll be staging a fund-raising day in The Eltham Centre, Archery Road, also on December 11.

In addition, the organisation is looking for more volunteers from the borough to help them.

David Oakley, the LAA's Charity Director said: "We'd like to increase our bank of volunteers to help with collections at



TO THE RESCUE: helicopter gets off to a flyer

supermarkets, shopping centres and railway stations as well as helping out at other fund raising events across the borough.

"Some people may even like to help out in our shop or office here at the Royal London Hospital in Whitechapel, East London."

The LAA service consists of both a helicopter and rapid response vehicles and each team consists of a specially trained trauma doctor who can deliver life saving procedures normally only found in hospitals, as well as a specially trained paramedic.

If called to Greenwich, the crew can be airborne from the hospital helipad in three or four minutes, with flying time to anywhere in Greenwich at just under two minutes.

For more information please visit www.londonsairambulance.com

Swim club makes waves

GREENWICH Swimming Club and Greenwich Borough Mariners hosted the annual Greenwich inter-borough championships for local school and club enthusiasts at The Eltham centre on Saturday, December 4. It was officially licensed by the Amateur Swimming Association for the first time this year.

The Mayor, Cllr Barbara Barwick, is due to host the awards-ceremony for this event on January 15 2011.

More info at: www.greenwichswimmingclub.org.uk

The last GT of 2010 is out on December 14

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AWARDS FOR
ACHIEVEMENT

OSCARs-style trophies were presented to students in recognition of their exam success at a special awards ceremony last month. The awards were presented by teachers at Eltham Hill Technology College for Girls during a celebration of achievements evening on November 4. Former students who attained the highest grades were invited back with their parents to receive their awards before 150 guests. The celebration included speeches,

photos and musical performances by Year 10 pupils. Headteacher Madeleine Griffen told GT: "Our last year group of GCSE students all performed academically well and are now considering doing A levels and further education at sixth form colleges and grammar schools. Awards were presented to high achieving students who had showed the most perseverance, leadership, progress and contribution to the community."

Health checks
draw parents
back to school

STAFF and parents at Charlton Manor Primary School got health checks following the success of healthy school workshops held at the school by Charlton Community Trust Football Development Manager Sean Daly and his team. The Department of Health are offering three million health checks a year with the aim of preventing illness from heart attacks, strokes and diabetes. Nurses from the British Heart Foundation and staff from NHS Greenwich carried out 30 health checks to staff and parents, including blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose and BMI checks. Staff from 'Kick the Habit,' a smoking cessation programme, also attended, providing support and advice to help people quit smoking. Tim Baker, head teacher at Charlton Manor, explained: "The Charlton Athletic Trust coaches have been working in our school for over 10 years, informing the children about healthy lifestyles and healthy eating. Getting parents and staff involved is a great idea."

ON CAMERA

A PHOTOGRAPHIC display called 'Eltham High Street: Past and Present' is running at New Eltham Library until December 21. It was inspired by the BBC series 'Turn back time' and shows the history of High Street shopping from

Victorian times to the present. It reveals how Eltham High Street changed in the last century, reflecting the changing shopping habits of customers, and features historic photos matched with images of the same locations today.



TAKING A TURN: Enthusiastic residents on Page Estate are appealing for more volunteers to help at the new community centre

Can YOU help
turn the Page?

by Pat Greenwood

A NEW community centre gearing up for its first Christmas needs more volunteers to lend a hand.

The brand new £700,000 council-funded building in Nesbit Road, Eltham - named Turning Pages - Across the Ages in a competition held for local schoolchildren - officially opened at the end of May. It now tries to run activities every weekday.

It's holding its first Christmas fair this Saturday, December 11, from noon until 3pm, boosted by support from local shops and businesses.

Then, on December 20, it's staging its first festive party for primary age children. There will be a small charge, and tickets will be available at Saturday's fair.

Management committee member Lee Abbott, a long-time resident on the 2,000-home surrounding Page Estate, told GT: "We have

We have lots of ideas for Christmas and the New Year - but we'd like to get still more people involved

lots of ideas for Christmas and the New Year - but we'd like to get still more people involved."

Regular activities include free Tai Chi gentle exercise for older people on Wednesday afternoons; after-school dance classes for a small charge, also on Wednesdays, and a free, strenuous body conditioning class, aimed particularly at young parents, from 10am on Fridays.

The centre has its first computers - linked to the internet - thanks to funding from the Awards for All organisation, and plans are in hand for cooking-on-a-budget and healthy eating sessions shortly.

The centre also has its own gardening tools and has already managed to grow a whole range of vegetables thanks to backing from the

Capital Growth initiative. "But we need more volunteers, especially for the spring, when we're thinking of holding our first 'dig in'," said Lee.

The management committee has secured Ofsted approval to start a 10-place creche, but it's currently looking for a coordinator to run it at a reasonable cost.

Bookings are invited for small children's parties. Prices start from around £130, which includes hall-hire, refreshments for up to 15 guests, and a bouncy castle.

● **FIND out more about how you can get involved at the Turning Pages community centre by ringing 020-8859 7925 or by emailing turningpages407@btinternet.com**



CURTAIN UP: Memories of the centre's official opening at the end of May this year

WIN!WIN!WIN!WIN!

Family tickets to Gruffalo stage show!

THE Gruffalo is back at the theatre by popular demand, so get ready for a monster Christmas season.

The stage show, which is based on the award winning picture books written by Julia Donaldson and illustrated by Axel Scheffler, is on now at the West End's Garrick Theatre until January 16 next year.

Join Mouse on an adventurous journey through the deep dark wood in the charming musical adaptation of The Gruffalo. Mouse can scare hungry animals away with tall stories of the terrifying Gruffalo, but what happens when he comes face to face with the very creature he imagined...?

The Gruffalo, Live On Stage features songs, laughs and scary fun which is

suitable for children aged 3+ and, of course their grown-ups. Watch the trailer online at www.gruffalolive.com

Greenwich Time has two family tickets (two adults and two children, or one adult and three children) to give away. To be in with a chance of winning, just answer this question:

Who illustrates the Gruffalo books?

Email the answer, as well as your name, address and daytime phone no. to: competitions@greenwich.gov.uk or send a postcard marked 'Gruffalo Comp' to Woolwich Town Hall, Wellington Street, SE18 6PW. Comp ends on December 16.



Stop press!

Abbey Wood pupils star in Olympic magazine

by Pat Greenwood

YOUNG designers from an Abbey Wood primary school are featuring in a special London Olympics magazine.

A group of 30 Year 6 pupils at De Lucy school in Cookhill Road spent some time in the summer, walking round the new London Olympics stadium in Stratford with sketch-pads, interpreting some of the sculptures and art-work they saw going up on the site.

Now they're featured in a 40-page magazine 'The Shoreditch Star' with other schools in the project encouraging young people to look at contemporary public art and design. The publication has been jointly commissioned by the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) and the Contemporary Art Society.

Tony Potts, the teacher in charge of De Lucy upper school, told GT: "The trip was arranged through 'The Shoreditch Trust'. Also, we heard about the Olympic basketball stadium, which will be a flexible space, and a designer came into our school to work with the children on similar designs, made out of card."

A group of De Lucy 11-year-olds who took part in the design initiative have summed up their experience for GT. Kemi said: "From this project I learned that, even though something may seem impossible, it really isn't!"

Reece said: "I think design is important because you cannot live in a flat, house or a mansion if someone didn't design it."

Courtney added: "I learned that art and design inspires people. My favourite building is the Olympic stadium."

Over the course of the summer, the Shoreditch Trust in partnership with the University of the Arts in London led workshops with five primary schools in the London 2012 Host Boroughs, including De Lucy. Each of the five schools worked on a different section of the publication, which is being distributed to schools across the



DESIGNS OF THE TIMES: De Lucy pupils take part in a design workshop, above, and inset, the front cover of the magazine featuring their views on Olympic art projects

Host Boroughs.

ODA Chairman John Armitt said: This project was a great way to engage children in the artwork projects in the Olympic Park and get a unique insight into their thoughts on the 2012 Games and the importance of public art." He added: "The schoolchildren's work, which perfectly captures the energy, colour and excitement of the Olympic Park, will provide a huge inspiration to everyone involved in the project. "I'm sure this publication will become a collector's item in years to come."

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2nd & 4th Fridays of the month, 7pm at 32 Woolwich Road, Greenwich SE10 0JU.

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3rd Tues: Middle Park Community Centre, 150 Middle Park Avenue, 11am-12.30pm

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All surgeries are booked by appointment by calling 020 7219 7068 or write to

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Four advice surgeries each month: the 1st Saturday of the month in Thamesmead,

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Contact your MEP at the UK Office

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

THE following meetings are taking place over the next few days in the Town Hall, Wellington Street (unless otherwise stated).

Dec 13 - Pension Fund Investment & Administration Panel, 10.30 am

Dec 14 - Healthier Communities & Older People Scrutiny Panel, 6.30 pm

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Tax credit help

Extra support for working people

If you are working and on a low income, you could be missing out on extra help. Working Tax Credit (WTC) provides extra financial help for people in work. You can claim if you are employed or self-employed. How much you get depends on your yearly taxable income. Families with children and some people who have a disability or health problem can get this help if they are working for

at least 16 hours a week. But you may also be able to claim even if you are not in one of these groups. If you are a single person without dependent children you can claim if you are aged 25 or older and work for at least 30 hours a week. Couples without children can make a joint claim as long as at least one of them is over 25 and working 30 or more hours a week. Many people in this situation miss out on

this extra help because they do not know they can claim. The Revenue estimates that the average amount of WTC that goes unclaimed is £1,600 a year, with some people missing out on much more. To check if you may be able to claim WTC or any other entitlements (such as help towards your rent or Council Tax), please contact Greenwich Council's Welfare Rights Service on

020-8921 6375 (or 18001 020 8921 6375 for textphone users). Greenwich Council's website also includes detailed information about benefits if you are in work - you can also contact the service using an online enquiry form. Just visit www.greenwich.gov.uk and select Benefits and Grants. To claim WTC contact the Tax Credits Helpline on 0845 300 3900 (or 0845 300 3909 for textphone users).

Borough BRIEFS

BENEFIT HELP FOR PENSIONERS

GREENWICH pensioners have claimed almost £1m in benefits with the help of the council's Welfare Rights Service over the last year. It's part of £3m that local people have claimed with their help. Many older people have worries about paying bills and it is important to check you are getting your full entitlement to benefits. Ring the Welfare Rights Service on 020-8921 6375 (or 18001 020 8921 4900 for textphone users) to check if you are missing out on Pension Credit or other financial help. Advisers in the Welfare Rights Service can work out if there is anything you can claim now.

IT'S buying time again and a great opportunity in the current climate to make a season of the gift. Greenwich, Woolwich and Eltham. GT sent out three roving reporters to find out about the festive season.

Yule get a wa

Town centre shops open their doors for festive shopping.



Come dancing

A SUNDAY afternoon tea dance is taking place at New Eltham Library in Footscray Road on December 12 between 2-4pm. The event is being organised by CANE, the Community Association of New Eltham. Tickets are £2.50 from 020 8850 7122.

Candle-lit carols

ENJOY "Carols by Candle Light" in Well Hall Pleasance on Saturday, December 18. The event will take place in front of the Tudor Barn from 7pm, with music provided by the Greenwich Concert Band accompanied by the Greenwich Community Choir.

ELTHAM is definitely the place to be if you want to get the full flavour of a traditional Christmas. The wide range of shops means you can find a suitable present for just about anyone, with national retailers such as Marks & Spencer, Argos, Next and Debenhams alongside specialist independent shops that offer ranges of unique gifts.

There will be late night openings on Thursdays during December in some stores, with extended hours in the week before Christmas. • Go to www.acealtham.co.uk for more details.

And don't forget to visit the shops in Eltham Arcade where you'll find a broad range of Christmas gifts and accessories at the new look Avery Truman Home

hardware, and where you can get your special photos or memorabilia set in a range of mounts and frames at Reginald Charles Davis Framers. And you'll find some unique shops in Well Hall Road including Chapman's Fine Décor, one of the few stockists in the area for a new range of fragrance oil lamps.

You can stock up on fresh produce and a range of festive treats at the Eltham Christmas Farmers' Market in Passey Place on Sunday, December 19 from 10am to 3pm. Regular stall-holder Steve Page will be putting on his tuxedo and performing a medley of swing numbers and popular Christmas songs with David Cole, his 'Brothers in Swing' musical partner. The market sells a range of fresh produce including locally-reared rare breed saddleback pig, traditionally-made

succulent sausages, free-range organic eggs, fresh fruit and juices, vegetables, game, jams, sauces, pastries, cakes and freshly-baked breads and pastries.

When the shopping all gets too much, you can take a break in one of the town's many cafes or restaurants, or make use of the leisure facilities at the Eltham Centre in Archery Road.

After Christmas you can unwind with fun for the whole family at Bob Hope Theatre's family pantomime *Sleeping Beauty*. • Further details about events in the area can be found at www.thisiseltham.co.uk

A village feel comes to Greenwich's Christmas festivities this year, with special market stalls and a real life advent calendar.

Every day in December day a window in

Greenwich opens for Advent Windows. Shops, homes, schools and pubs are using a myriad of multimedia installations, models and paintings to create their own unique festive designs to be revealed one window at a time right up until Christmas day.

Yuletide stargazing sessions are running at the Royal Observatory where visitors can get up close to the Christmas skies by looking through the seventh largest telescope in the world. And there is a Christmas Star Party on December 17 and 18 for families with evening moon viewings, planetarium show and extra seasonal activities.

The festive season kicked off with the Christmas light switch-on on November 24 with live music, a lantern parade, carol singing and a guest appearance



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Artillery strikes up the band

THE audience will be invited to join in when the Royal Artillery Orchestra perform traditional Christmas carols in the atmospheric setting of the Firepower museum. The 90-minute concert on Saturday, December 18 starts at 7pm, and the museum Cafe Bistro will be serving seasonal treats afterwards. Tickets are £5 seated, £3 standing and can be pre-booked on 020 8312 7123.



from Santa at the market.

And the market has a Christmas theme featuring 150 festive-themed stalls of seasonal food, hand-crafted gifts and original stocking fillers every day all the way through to December 31.

Santa will also visit at the weekends leading up to Christmas.

• For more info on the locations of the advent windows visit www.adventwindows.com

Woolwich residents are getting two new town centre squares for Christmas.

General Gordon Square and Beresford Square are getting a facelift as part of the regeneration of the town centre with works set for completion in the spring next year.

The makeovers are part of the £6.6m

Woolwich Square project which will create attractive new public spaces that can be used by day and by night. The project is being funded by the government's Homes and Communities Agency, Transport for London and developers.

General Gordon Square will include a water feature, new terraces, seating and footpaths as well as new trees, shrubs and lighting. Beresford Square will have a new layout for the historic Charter market, space for new stalls, new seating and street lighting.

The market continues to operate during the works and shoppers can pick up bargains right up until Christmas Eve.

There are more than 50 stalls selling a range of fresh foods, household necessities, clothing, cosmetics, luggage,

electricals and mobile phone accessories.

The market is open from 9am to 4pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, from 9am-1pm on Thursday and from 9am to 4.30pm on Fridays and Saturdays.

The town lit up last Monday, November 29, when a series of colourful lights were switched on to herald a new season of festive shopping. With around 80 stores to choose from, there's something for everyone in Woolwich including popular high street chains and independent retailers as well as a selection of bars, cafes, pubs and restaurants.

Parents have been getting 'time out' to shop in peace at Greenwich Shopping Park.

The retail park off Bugsby's Way in Charlton, has been hosting 'Time Out Tuesdays' offering free festive children's

entertainment to help take the pressure off parents in the run up to Christmas.

A children's entertainer will delight kids with balloon modelling and face-painting at WHSmith from 4pm to 7pm today (December 7) and next Tuesday (December 14) as part of the month-long event.

As well as keeping youngsters entertained, parents accompanied by children with a balloon or their face painted, can receive 10% off their bill at Costa Coffee, upstairs in Next. Greenwich Shopping Park's 13 high street retailers will be open until at least 8pm in the run up to Christmas.

• Keep up to date with events at www.greenwichshoppingpark.co.uk, follow @ShopGSP on Twitter or 'Like' Greenwich Shopping Park on Facebook.



GreenwichHomes

Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Edition 214

How the lettings policy works

Housing applicants are placed within 'Bands' according to the Council's policy for letting homes. Your band information is on the letter that the Council sent you when you registered, or when your circumstances changed.

Property adverts say which band can apply and any other criteria. When all the bids are received, the property is then offered to:

For properties advertised for band A and band B - the applicant who has had this priority status for the longest time.
For properties advertised for band C applicants - the applicant who has been registered on the Council's list for the longest time.

Band

- A** is for applicants in unsatisfactory housing, including people moving due to demolition and those underoccupying their homes.
- B** is for applicants the council must prioritise according to the law, particularly homeless people, and others with an urgent need to move for medical or welfare reasons.
- C** is for all applicants on the housing register, including those that are in priority bands A and B.

How do I apply?

1 Get on the list

First, you've got to be on the housing waiting list to join the scheme. If you're not, get an application form by phoning the Access and Allocations Section on 020 8921 2941. Or pick up a form from any neighbourhood office.

2 Find your applicant number

It will be on the letter you've already had from the Council about the new scheme. You'll need that number and the reference number of the property you're after, which will be on the advert.

3 Pick out your ideal property

by looking in *Greenwich Time* or regularly checking the website:

www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes

Click on your preference on the website. If you don't have a computer, you can always use one for free in either your neighbourhood housing office, library or UK Online centre.

4 Apply in one of two ways

- Phone the 24-hour hotline 020 8921 4340. It's an automatic push-button system and calls will be charged at the normal local rate, or
- Via the Council's website

www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes

24-hour hotline

The Greenwich Homes (Choice Based Lettings) Telephone Bidding Line is available in:
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The next edition of GreenwichHomes will be available on **Wednesday 15 December 2010 at midday** and will include any Housing Association properties when available. Closing date for all applications for this issue is midnight on **Sunday 12 December 2010**

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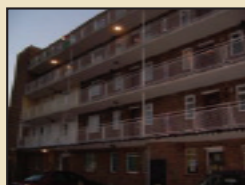
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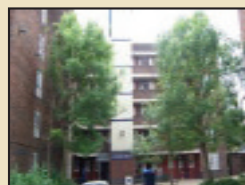
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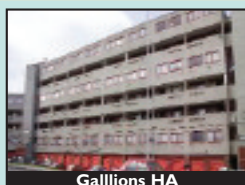
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£85.01 pw Band C



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£82.80 pw Band C



Ref Number: 120086
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Band C

Mutual Exchange – Swapping your home

Council and Housing Association Tenants can exchange their property with another tenant. From April 2006 applicants who have registered for a mutual exchange will be able to find suitable swaps through the Greenwich Homes website www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes. For more information about this scheme contact the Allocations Team on **020 8921 2941**.

Sheltered Housing

If you are 55 or over then you may consider sheltered housing provided by the Council or housing association. Sheltered blocks have a Scheme Manager on hand to provide help and support if needed. Sheltered housing is a good option for older people who can live independently, but would feel more secure within this environment.

Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

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Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

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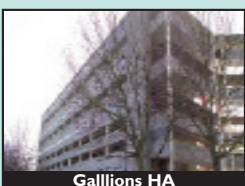
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Comm G/H
£81.76 pw Band C



Ref Number: 120695
Galena House Grosmont Road SE18
1 Bed 7th Floor Flat
Lifted Entry phone
Rad C/H
£77.13 pw Band C



Ref Number: 121055
Lolland House Maryon Rd SE7
2 Bed 3rd Floor Flat
Lftd Ent/ph Stg/Heat
Min 1 child any age
£89.03 pw Band C



Ref Number: 121788
Raymond Postgate Crt Tawney Rd SE28
2 Bed 3rd Floor Flat
Lifted Entry phone
Rad C/H No dogs
£91.26 pw Band C



Ref Number: 120717
Tom Smith Close Maze Hill SE10
1 Bed 4th Floor Flat
Lifted Entry phone
Rad C/H
£94.21 pw Band C

Important Notice

Please note the closing date to register your bids for advertised properties will be **every Sunday at midnight.**

Bands A&B priority applicants

Fewer Bands A&B priority applicants have been bidding for advertised properties in recent weeks.

Please note that if you do not bid on a regular basis you risk losing your priority status.

Please contact the office if you need help in bidding.

Multiple viewings are arranged for all advertised properties including those from Registered Social Landlords.

This means that:

- the top three eligible households who successfully bid and are eligible for a property will be invited to view the property.
- each household will receive a letter giving them an appointment to view the property and telling them their position on the bidding list, ie 1st, 2nd, 3rd (this position is based on the applicant's registration date or date of priority).
- following the viewing, the property will be offered to the highest placed applicant who accepts the property.

If you have any queries regarding this you can contact us on **020 8921 2941.**

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Only applicants aged 50+ can apply

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Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Sheltered / Retirement Housing

Sheltered Housing provides independence in a secure and friendly environment. Each Sheltered Scheme has a Scheme Manager who is the main source of support. There is 24 hour cover from the Telecare Service. The age criteria is over 60 years, but we can consider people over 55years with a support need. If you are interested in Sheltered housing please ring **0208 921 2671/2685**. All applications are subject to a Sheltered Housing Assessment.



Our current vacancies include: (several ready to let)

One Person Properties

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Cooper Court, Herbert Road, Plumstead, SE18, 1st Floor studio Flat.

Defiance Walk, Woolwich Dockyard, SE18, 2nd Floor Studio Flat.

Garnett close, Eltham, SE9, 2ND Floor Studio Flat.

Green Lawns, Woolwich, SE18, 2nd Floor Studio Flat

Haven Lodge, Woolwich SE18, Ground floor Studio Flat

Hider Court, Shooters Hill, 1bed, 1 person, 1st floor flat

Langton Way, Blackheath, SE3, Ground floor, Studio Flat.

Len Clifton House, Woolwich SE18, Ground floor Studio flat

40 Littleheath, Charlton SE7, 2nd floor Studio flat.

Mandela House, Plumstead, SE18 2ND floor Studio Flat

Minnie Bennett House, Shooters Hill Road, 3rd floor, Studio Flat

Sarah Turnball House, Woolwich SE18 , 3rd Floor Studio flat.

Strand Court, Plumstead SE18, Ground Floor Studio Flat.

174 Swingate Lane, Plumstead Common SE18, 3rd Floor Studio Flat.

Wentworth House, Charlton Road, SE3, 3rd floor Studio Flat.

Two Person Properties

Bill Walden House, Woolwich, SE18, 1Bed 1st floor flat

All the above properties are lifted unless stated.

This is what happened to the homes advertised in issue 211

Bed-	Property rooms	Type	No of Bids	Reg date of successful app	Address Band
Wren Path SE28 0DU	1	FLAT	100	13/11/2008	C
Pitmaston House Lewisham Road SE13 7NG	2	FLAT	117	05/02/2009	C
Burrage Road SE18 7JP	1	FLAT	328	04/05/2005	C
Sovereign House Europe Road SE18 5QN	2	FLAT	204	16/04/2007	C
Bevan Road SE2 0UU	2	FLAT	131	19/05/2008	C
Whistlers Grove Greenhithe Close DA15 8EE	3	HOUSE	117	06/05/2002	A
Whistlers Grove Greenhithe Close DA15 8EE	3	HOUSE	80	11/11/1962	A
Whistlers Grove Greenhithe Close DA15 8EE	3	HOUSE	78	05/06/2000	A
Claymill House Raglan Road SE18 7HX	1	FLAT	204	11/11/1999	C
Selcroft House Glenister Road SE10 0HL	1	FLAT	141	21/08/2007	C
Maryon Road SE7 8DA	2	MAISONETTE	185	04/06/2007	C
Middle Park Avenue SE9 5QL	1	FLAT	37	06/10/2008	B
Woolwich Church Street SE18 5ND	2	FLAT	35	11/03/2009	B
Mabbett House Nightingale Place SE18 4HU	1	FLAT	20	22/06/2009	B
Edge Hill SE18 3TQ	1	FLAT	168	19/02/2008	C
Brent Road SE18 3DT	2	FLAT	28	02/09/2010	B
Squires House Barnfield Road SE18 3UQ	2	FLAT	143	02/06/2008	C
Cleveley Close SE7 8DP	1	FLAT	127	07/11/2007	C
John Wilson Street SE18 6QJ	1	FLAT		Withdrawn	
Gorman Road SE18 5SA	1	FLAT	51	23/08/1999	A
Turton House Barnfield Road SE18 3UG	2	FLAT	122	16/03/2009	C
Gilbourne Road SE18 2NT	0	FLAT	88	24/05/2007	C
Corelli Road SE3 8EL	0	FLAT	57	01/12/2009	C
Gooding House Valley Grove SE7 8AT	2	FLAT	212	14/11/2007	C
Dahlia Road SE2 0SY	2	MAISONETTE	20	21/07/2008	B
Luffield Road SE2 9JN	1	FLAT	33	28/09/2009	B
Macoma Road Plumstead SE18 2QL	1	FLAT		Withdrawn	
Crescent House Bliss Crescent SE13 7RJ	2	FLAT	36	16/06/1997	A
The Firs Congleton Grove SE18 7HN	1	FLAT	221	01/07/2008	C
Dyson House Blackwall Lane SE10 0RE	2	FLAT	152	15/10/2008	C
Blaker Court Cherry Orchard Estate SE7 7ER	2	FLAT	130	14/08/2007	C
Blaker Court Cherry Orchard Estate SE7 7ES	2	FLAT	112	08/09/2008	C

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Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (AS AMENDED)
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure)(England) Order 2010
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (AS AMENDED)
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990 (AS AMENDED)
Town & Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations 2007 (AS AMENDED)

Notice is hereby given that applications have been made to The London Borough of Greenwich in respect of the under mentioned premises. You can see the submissions and any plans during the hours of 9.00am to 4.30pm Monday to Tuesday and 9.00am to 4.00pm on Fridays at -

Development Planning, Crown Building 5th Floor, 48 Woolwich New Road, London SE18 6HQ
 or at the library shown between normal opening hours.

If development proposals affect Conservation Areas and/or Statutorily Listed Buildings under of the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Area) Act 1990 (As Amended) this will be shown within the item below.

Anyone who wishes to comment on these applications should be made in writing to Development Planning within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Please quote the appropriate reference number.

Date: 08/12/2010
 Steve Pallet - Chief Planning Officer

Publicity For Planning Applications

Applicant: Mr J McDonnell Downmores Ltd 100364F
WOOLWICH CATHOLIC CLUB, 81-88 BERESFORD STREET, WOOLWICH, LONDON, SE18 6BG
 Development: Conversion of existing club into a mixed use and 5 x 1 bed, 2 x 2 bed self contained flats, roof garden and internal and external alterations including new shopfront.
 Drawing Numbers: DFP/SD/09/74/01, DFP/SD/09/74/02, DFP/SD/09/74/03, DFP/SD/09/74/04, DFP/SD/09/74/05, DFP/SD/09/74/06, Site location plan, Air Quality Report, Noise Control Report and Letter dated 18th October 2010.
 Library: Woolwich Library, Caddenwood Street SE18 6QZ
 Conservation Area: Woolwich Library, Caddenwood Street SE18 6QZ

Applicant: Ms Nicola Jackson 103076F
94 WANBRUGH PARK, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 7AL
 Development: Installation of replacement aluminium double glazed windows.
 Drawing Numbers: Allocated drawing No. 001, Photo Sheet: 01, 02 and Site location plan.
 Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT
 Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH

Applicant: Mr Pendrigh 103105F
30 MAUDSLAY ROAD, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE9 1LJ
 Development: Replacement of three windows on the front elevation and two windows on the rear elevation.
 Drawing Numbers: Allocated Drawing Nos. 01, 02, 03, 04, Design and Access Statement, Block plan, Site Location Plan and Photo Sheet: 001.
 Library: Eltham Library, 1 Archery Road SE9 1HA
 Conservation Area: PROGRESS ESTATE

Applicant: Mr Philip Beales 103118F
LAND RIO 28 & 30 ROYAL HILL, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10
 Development: Demolition of existing building and construction of a 1 bed bungalow.
 Drawing Numbers: CS P001, P002, P003, P004, P005, P006, Allocated No.1, Design & Access Statement and site plan.
 Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8BH
 Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH

Applicant: Mr Jonathan Pearce South London Healthcare Trust 103135F
QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL, STADIUM ROAD, WOOLWICH, LONDON, SE18 4QH
 Development: Extension to existing substation and provision of additional parking spaces.
 Drawing Numbers: BH 189/0-003, D-004, D-015, D-016, D-002, D-003, Electrical Infrastructure Review P01 (Sept 2010), Design and Access Statement and letter dated 15th October 2010.
 Library: Woolwich Library, Caddenwood Street, SE18 6QZ
 Conservation Area: WOOLWICH COMMON

Applicant: Mr Neli Latsyova 103149F
FLAT 9 JERVIS COURT, 3 BLISSETT STREET, GREENWICH, SE10 8UX
 Development: Installation of a satellite dish.
 Drawing Numbers: Photo Sheet: 001, 002 and Site location plan.
 Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8BH
 Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH

Applicant: Mrs Humma Zubair 103156F
33 DORNBERG ROAD, CHARLTON, LONDON, SE3 7BZ
 Development: Replacement of existing roof with new roof material in Freeville External Sates.
 Drawing Numbers: Photo Sheet: 01, 02, 03 and Sample Photo 1.
 Library: East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE10 8RL
 Conservation Area: RECTORY FIELD

Publicity for Listed Building Consent

Applicant: Mr C O'Reilly 103136L
34 PARK VISTA, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 9LZ
 Development: Installation of 3 windows to front elevation and internal alterations including re-arrange of front bathroom, reposition of kitchen, formation of study, installation of bookcase and alteration of staircase.
 Drawing Numbers: DOL/P1, DCS/P1, DOW/P1, DOP/P1, DOP/P1, DOP/P1, DOP/P1, Allocated Drawing No. 001 and Design and Access Statement.
 Library: East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE10 8RL
 Conservation Area: GREENWICH PARK
 Listed Building: Grade 2

Publicity for Conservation Area Consent

Applicant: Mr Philip Beales 103121C
LAND RIO 28 & 30 ROYAL HILL, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10
 Development: Demolition of existing building and construction of a 1 bed bungalow.
 Drawing Numbers: CS P001, P002, P003, P004, P005, P006, Allocated No.1, Design & Access Statement and site plan.
 Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8BH
 Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH

Publicity For Press Advertisements

Applicant: Mr Ghulam Afkaly 103159A
HISTORIC LONDON, 49 GREENWICH CHURCH STREET, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 9BL
 Development: Installation of 3 non-illuminated hanging signs and external illumination for 3 existing facade signs.
 Drawing Numbers: 44-F-80 Rev A site plan, 44-100-GA, 44-E-202 Rev A and 44-E-203 Rev A.
 Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8BH
 Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH




LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
ROAD HUMP IN ANGLESEA ROAD

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council proposes, under section 90A of the Highways Act 1980, to construct a round-top road hump in Anglesea Road, outside the New Testament Church of God. The road hump would be an elevated section of carriageway with a round top, a maximum 100 millimetres higher at its highest point than the surrounding carriageway, extending across the full width of the carriageway and measuring approximately 3.3 metres in length including the gradients.
2. The proposed road hump is necessary to reduce vehicle speed so as to improve road safety for all road users.
3. Further information may be obtained by telephoning Strategic Transportation on 020 8921 5579.
4. Any person who wishes to object to or make other representations about the proposed road hump should send a statement in writing, specifying the grounds on which any objection is made, to the Council's agents: Traffic Orders Team, Project Centre, 140 St Cross Street, London, EC1N 8XA (quoting reference POL/THO/PT/10167), to arrive by 4th January 2011.
5. Persons objecting to the proposed Order should be aware that, in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, this Council would be legally obliged to make any comments received in response to this notice open to public inspection.

Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation
 Crown Building
 48 Woolwich New Road
 SE18 6HQ

Dated 7th December 2010
 (SIGNED BY: ALAN HADLEY)



LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH
The Greenwich (Free Parking Places) (Disabled Persons) (Amendment No. *) Order 2011
The Greenwich (Charlton CP2) (Parking Places) (Amendment No. *) Order 2011
The Greenwich (Westcombe CP2) (Parking Places) (Amendment No. *) Order 2011

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council proposes to make the above-mentioned Orders under sections 6, 45, 46, 49 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1994, as amended.
2. The general effect of the Orders would be to:
 - (a) create disabled persons' parking places of 6 metres in length in which vehicles displaying a valid disabled person's "Blue Badge" may be left at any time, without charge and without time limit, at the following locations:
 - (i) outside No. 37 Kenning Road (6 metres of Westcombe CP2 shared-use residents / limited waiting parking would be removed at this location); and
 - (ii) outside No. 2 Rainton Road (6 metres of Charlton CP2 shared-use residents / limited waiting parking would be removed at this location); and
 - (b) correct a discrepancy between the designation of a disabled parking place in Kenning Road and existing on-street markings.
3. A copy of the proposed Orders and other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Orders are available for inspection during normal office hours until the end of six weeks from the date on which the Orders are made or, as the case may be, the Council decides not to make the Orders, at the Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills, Strategic Transportation, Greenwich Council, Crown Building, 48 Woolwich New Road, SE18 6HQ.
4. Further information may be obtained by telephoning Strategic Transportation on 020 8921 5584.
5. Any person who wishes to object to or make other representations about the proposed Orders should send a statement in writing, specifying the grounds on which any objection is made, to the Council's agents: Traffic Orders Team, Project Centre, 140 St Cross Street, London, EC1N 8XA (quoting reference POL/THO/PT/10168), to arrive by 4th January 2011.
6. Persons objecting to the proposed Orders should be aware that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, this Council would be legally obliged to make any comments received in response to this notice, open to public inspection.

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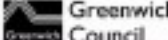


LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)
SEWELL ROAD (ACCESS ROAD TO NOS. 83 TO 100) - TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council intends to make an Order to facilitate works for the installation of new water mains in Sewell Road. The effect of the Order would be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, proceeding or waiting (including waiting for the purposes of loading or unloading) in that length of the Sewell Road access road leading to Nos. 83 to 100 Sewell Road that lies adjacent to Nos. 102 to 104 Sewell Road.
2. The above prohibitions would only apply at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of the appropriate traffic signs.
3. Whilst the road closure is in operation, alternative vehicular access to Nos. 83 to 100 Sewell Road would be possible at the north-eastern access point adjacent to No. 79 Sewell Road.
4. The Order would come into force on 3rd January 2011 and would continue in force for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. However, it is expected that the works would take approximately four weeks to complete.
5. Queries concerning these works should be directed to Greenwich Council's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 5474.

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 48 Woolwich New Road
 SE18 6HQ

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LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)
TROUGHTON ROAD - TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE, PARKING SUSPENSIONS AND SUSPENSION OF POINT CLOSURE

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council intends to make an Order to accommodate electricity substation works. The effect of the Order would be to temporarily:
 - (a) prohibit vehicles from entering, proceeding or waiting (including waiting for the purposes of loading or unloading) in Troughton Road, between Charlton Church Lane and Rastmore Road;
 - (b) suspend the point closure in Troughton Road adjacent to No. 6a Charlton Church Lane; and
 - (c) suspend the parking places on both sides of Troughton Road adjacent to the electricity substation.
2. The above prohibitions and parking suspensions would only apply at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of the appropriate traffic signs. The above suspension of point closure would only apply at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the opening of the gated closure measures. Vehicular access to properties affected by these works would be maintained wherever possible subject to the extent and operations of the works.
3. Alternative routes for diverted vehicles would be available via local roads.
4. The Order would come into force on 7th January 2011 and would continue in force for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. However, it is expected that the works would take approximately one day to complete.
5. Queries concerning these works should be directed to Greenwich Council's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 6340.

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The importance of being Wilde

The director of the latest interpretation of an **Oscar Wilde** play talks to Scene about what it is that makes the Irish playwright so enduring

THE last three words of its title may be *Of No Importance*, but the director of the latest take on an Oscar Wilde classic reckons it is as relevant today as it's ever been.

"*A Woman Of No Importance* is a major piece of work," Bruce Jamieson told *Scene*. "It was originally written in 1893, and what it says - about women especially - was so contemporary and so modern."

It's on at Greenwich Playhouse later this month, and to show just how timeless a piece of work it is, the director transplanted the play to another era entirely.

Bruce added: "Because it was so forward looking when it was written, I realised it would be great to set it in the late 1950s, to give it a far more contemporary feel, and really show what a great writer Oscar Wilde was. It shows how his work can travel through time quite easily."

AWONI is a comedy drama, but the main theme of the play, (women having children out of wedlock), was the reason the director chose the post-war decade for his interpretation.

"It deals with a subject which in 1893 was quite controversial. I felt it was probably still quite controversial up to when we are setting it," Jamieson said. "We set it in the 50s because that was the last decade when this was something that attracted real social stigma." Last week marked the 110th anniversary of Wilde's untimely death, and despite penning the work nearly 120 years ago, the subject matter remains completely current. "The astounding thing is, that although it was shocking when it was written, it is still relevant today," enthused

Bruce - "It still makes for great drama that has carried through the decades." Further more, he believes, the film and TV industries are still influenced by the Irish playwright today.

"Oscar Wilde - along people like Ibsen, were the original great modern writers. We can associate all drama that we see today on television and on film with the prototype that they gave us in beautifully structured dramatic works, and ones which are also incredibly funny."

The play was written before women got the vote - and possibly one of Wilde's most unheralded attributes was his championing of equal rights. The director added: "Wilde's



BEHIND EVERY MAN: (above) Dorrie Gardner and Hugh Hemmings, and left, Olivia Hall and Kevin Marchant



great understanding of women and his support for putting women forward on to the stage and talking about women's issues must not be forgotten. "Along with Chekov, Ibsen and Bernard Shaw, Wilde in his day, before women had the vote, really understood women and put their cause across." There is a 10-person cast for the play which runs at the

Greenwich venue until January, and the intimate space at the Playhouse adds to the experience, says Bruce. "It sits very comfortably - and it makes it very comfortable for the audience, who feel as if they are part of the action. It's unlike the West End where you are 30 or 40 feet away - you are right in the action and feel as if you are part of the drama yourself."

Half of the cast has worked on previous Galleon productions, and there are some newcomers to the company which has been running in Greenwich for over 15 years. "There are six ladies, and four men in the cast - which again emphasises the play's importance in women, because they are featured more strongly than males. The ages of the cast ranges from early-20s right through to a gentleman in his early 70s."

Rod Kitson

A Woman Of No Importance is on at *The Greenwich Playhouse, Greenwich Station Forecourt*, from *December 14-January 16* (not some Xmas/New Year dates)
Tues - Sat@7.30pm, Sun@4pm
Tickets: £12, £10
Box Office: 020-8858 9256

Ravensbourne stalls

Students' market at new college

FOR one day only - and for the first time ever - a market will be running at Greenwich Peninsula.

On December 15 **Penrose Market** will be selling one-off products and gifts ideal for Christmas. The market was organised by students from the newly opened Ravensbourne College on the Peninsula. Featuring on the day are products including bespoke handmade jewellery, chess piece cruet sets, vintage clothing, hand-crafted cards, flat packed 3D decoration sets, and even cookies from around the world. The students' aim for the market is to showcase their creative talent as an institution and as innovators. They will be teaming up with various creative companies as well as design students from the college to bring the event to Ravensbourne's state-of-the-art building. Visitors will get the chance to see first hand the work of the students as well as to get a glimpse inside the new building.

Penrose Market will be held inside and outside of the Ravensbourne building at the Greenwich Peninsula from 2pm until 6.30pm. Updates will be on the market's twitter page @penrosemarket leading up to the event next week

University speaking

Accessible artworks

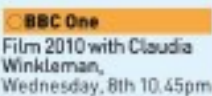
AN exhibition to celebrate the United Nation's International Day for Persons with Disabilities was held at the University of Greenwich on December 3. A range of student artists, who have either a physical or mental health disability, learning difficulty or long-term health condition, displayed work at the exhibition called **AccessAbility Art**.

The students were from all over London, and were on hand to answer questions and discuss their pieces. It was at the Southwood Site at the university's Avery Hill Campus in Eltham.

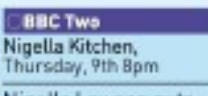
The exhibition was part of an ongoing project run by the University of Greenwich's Access and Widening Participation Unit, in partnership with **Aspire - Aimhigher SE London**. The scheme provides information and support for prospective university students who have a disability, impairment or learning difficulty.

More details at: www.gre.ac.uk/aap

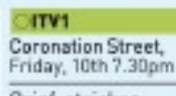
Highlights of the week



The host and Danny Leigh review *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*, Sofia Coppola's *Somewhere*, and *For Colored Girls*.



Nigella Lawson puts her own stamp on her favourite recipes, including tiramisu, jerk chicken with rice and peas, a chicken Caesar salad and a toad in the hole.



families mourn those lost, while Sally and Kevin share a long dark night, and Rita's cries for help appear to go unheard.

Friday, 10th December

○ Five

4.00 Breakfast	7.00 The One Show
9.15 Big Hit Drive-In	7.30 EastEnders
10.00 Holmes Under the Hammer	8.00 Holly City
11.00 Noel Reopens	9.00 Turn Back Time - The High Street
11.45 To Buy or Not to Buy	10.00 BBC News
12.10 George in Paris	10.25 Regional News
1.00 BBC News, Weather	10.30 Imagine
1.30 Regional News	11.40 60 Minutes
1.45 Regional News	The Classic vs Marriage (1999)
2.10 Musing	Comedy starring Joan Collins
2.30 BBC News	1.15 See Hear, 1.45
3.00 BBC	MasterChef: The Professionals
3.15 Weekend Link	3.15
4.00 BBC News	Reinvention Revolution
6.30 Regional News	The Secret War, 4.00 BBC News

8.30 CBeebies.
9.00 CBBC.
8.30 CBeebies.
11.30 Animal Park.
12.00 Gail's Patisserie.
12.30 Life Snooker: UK
 Championship. The opening
 sessions in four second-round
 matches.
4.30 Pointless.
6.15 The Harry Heroes' Cook
Off.
4.00 Eggheads.
6.30 Strictly Come Dancing - It
 Takes Two. With Claudia
 Winkelman.
7.00 Life Snooker: UK
 Championship. The second
 round of the ranking event
 reaches a conclusion.
8.00 Panda! World Special:
 Panda Makers.
9.00 The Foods That Make
 Billions.
10.00 Miranda.
10.30 Nightlight.
11.30 Snooker: UK
 Championship.
12.30 Snooker: UK
 Championship Extra.
2.10 BBC News.
4.30 Close.

9.00 Daybreak 8.30 Lorraine.
 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show.
 10.10 This Morning.
 10.30 Loose Women.
 1.30 (TV News), Weather.
 1.55 London News.
 2.00 House Of Ills.
 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal.
 4.00 Midsomer Murders.
 5.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show.
 6.30 London Tonight.
 6.30 (TV News), Weather.
 7.00 Emmerdale.
 7.30 Can You Keep A Secret? Tonight.
 8.00 Emmerdale.
 8.20 Coronation Street.
 9.00 Coronation Street: 50 Years, 50 Moments.
 10.00 (TV News), Ten: Weather.
 10.30 London News.
 11.35 PM News Analysis This [1999] Comedy, starring Robert De Niro and Billy Crystal.
 12.30 The Zone.
 2.38 The Rockford Files.
 3.28 The Jeremy Kyle Show.
 4.30 (TV) Nightscreen.
 6.30 (TV) Morning News.

1.10 *Planet Love*, **9.59** 10
9.59 *Golden Girls*, **9.59** 10
9.59 *Squidward*, **9.59** 10
9.59 *Love's Rejoinder*, **9.59** 10
1.10 *Ardening Up*, **9.40** 10
1.10 *Friends*, **10.10** 10
1.10 *Breakfast*, **10.10** 10
1.10 *Summary*, **10.25** 10
1.10 *Wendie*, **10.30** 10
1.10 *Chief*, **10.35** 10
1.10 *Phil*, **10.40** 10
1.10 *Countdown*, **11.00** 10
1.10 *8.00 Come Dine With Me*, **8.00** 10
1.10 *The Simpsons*, **8.30** 10
1.10 *Frankie Boy's*, **10.25** 10
1.10 *Marlon*, **10.25** 10
1.10 *The Big Bang Theory*, **11.30** 10
1.10 *Web*, **12.10** 10
1.10 *Free Press*, **1.10** 10
1.10 *Valleyjazz*, **2.30** 10
1.10 *Weekend*, **2.55** 10
1.10 *Siblings*, **3.48** 10
1.10 *Orphans & Sisters*, **4.55** 10
1.10 *Headless*, **5.40** 10

8.15 <i>The Wright Stuff</i>	7.00 <i>Five News at 7</i>
10.45 <i>Trisha Goodard</i>	7.30 <i>Great Marden Chase</i>
11.45 <i>House Doctor</i>	8.00 <i>See Patrol UK: A Fall in</i>
12.45 <i>Five News</i>	<i>climber with a painful open</i>
12.48 <i>Deadly Jungle</i>	<i>fracture.</i>
<i>Batmanaka, Austin Stevens'</i>	9.00 <i>CSI: Miami</i>
<i>Adventures</i>	10.00 <i>CSI: NY</i>
1.45 <i>Neighbours</i>	11.00 <i>CSI: Crime Scene</i>
2.15 <i>Home and Away</i>	<i>Investigation</i>
2.50 <i>50 FILM: Alone (1997)</i>	12.30 <i>True CSI</i>
<i>Drama, starring Hume</i>	1.00 <i>SuperCasio</i>
<i>Cronin</i>	4.00 <i>The FBI Files</i>
5.00 <i>Five News</i>	4.45 <i>House Doctor</i>
9.30 <i>Neighbours</i>	8.10 <i>Michael's Wild</i>
4.00 <i>Home and Away</i>	<i>Chase</i>

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6.00 Cheekies.
7.00 C&C.
8.30 Cheekies.
11.30 Daily Politics.
1.00 See Hear.
1.30 Live Snooker: UK
 Championship. The opening
 sessions of the first two
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4.30 Pointless.
5.15 The Harry Baker Cook Df.
6.00 Egg heads.
6.30 Strictly Come Dancing - It
 Takes Two. How the
 contestants are shaping up
 for the semi-finals.
7.00 Live Snooker: UK
 Championship. The concluding
 sessions of the two
 quarter-finals.
8.00 Edwards on Farm. The
 time for a half-wit.
9.00 Ancient Worlds.
10.00 The Apprentice: You're
 Fired!
10.30 Newsnight.
11.20 Live Snooker: UK
 Championship.
12.10 The Foods That Make
 Billions.
1.10 BBC News.
3.00 Close.

6.00 *Baywatch*, 6.30 *Coronation*,
 9.45 *The Jeremy Kyle Show*,
 10.30 *The Morning*,
 11.30 *Loose Women*,
 1.30 *ITV News: Weather*,
 1.55 *London News*,
 2.00 *News Brief*,
 3.00 *Dickinson's Real Deal*,
 4.00 *Midsomer Murders*,
 5.00 *The Alan Titchmarsh Show*,
 6.00 *London Tonight*,
 6.30 *ITV News: Weather*,
 7.00 *Coronation Street*, Ashley
 and Nick struggle to free Peter
 before the roof collapses.
 7.30 *Live UEFA Champions*
League: Arsenal v Partizan
Belgrade (Kick-off 7.45pm),
 10.00 *ITV News at Ten*,
Weather,
 10.30 *London News*,
 11.30 *UEFA Champions*
League: Getafe Team. Action
from the matchday set features,
 12.30 *5 Zone*,
 2.30 *ITV News: The Country*
Way (ITV's Action comedy,
starring Billy's Hammett,
 3.00 *The Jeremy Kyle Show*,
 5.30 *ITV Nightscreen*,
 6.30 *ITV Morning News*.

2.40 *Hotel California*, 7.95 *Flashy*
 Golden Goddess, 7.95 *Flashy*
 Seemingly, 7.40 *Everyday*
 Love, 7.40 *Everyday*
 7.10 *Love*, 6.95 *True Love*
 Friends, 10.90 *One True Love*
 11.90 *Seems Like*, 12.90
 Channel 5 Movie Summary
 12.85 *2 Minute Wonder*, 12.80
 River Cottage Books, 12.80 *Iron*
 Chef Uzi, 1.30 *FM*, 1.40 *FM*
 of the Red Web TV (1.40)
 2.25 *Countdown*, 1.40 *Deal or*
 No Deal, 6.00 *Countdown* (2.40)
 No. 5.30 *Family* a *Deal*, 6.00
 The Simpsons, 6.30 *Top* *Volvo*

8.15 The Wright Stuff	6.00 <i>Home and Away</i>
16.45 <i>Trisha Goddard</i>	6.25 <i>Live from Studio Five</i>
11.45 <i>House News</i>	7.00 <i>Five News at 7</i>
12.40 <i>Five News</i>	7.30 <i>Highland Emmergency</i>
12.45 <i>Jays of the Hope</i>	8.00 <i>Emergency Stairs</i>
<i>Austin Stevens' Adventures</i>	9.00 <i>N.C.S.</i>
1.48 <i>Neighbours</i>	10.00 <i>Law & Order: Criminal Intent</i>
2.15 <i>Home and Away</i>	10.30 <i>Law & Order</i>
2.58 <i>The Family Recipe</i>	11.35 <i>Poker</i>
3.55 <i>Maria in Moments</i>	12.50 <i>Super Games</i>
5.05 6 PM: Two Against Time (2002) Fact-based drama, starring Marie Thomas	4.00 <i>The FBI Files</i>
5.08 <i>Five News</i>	4.25 <i>House News</i>
	5.10 <i>Michael's V.M. Challenge</i>

6:00 Breakfast.	7:00 The Q1o Show.
9:30 Rip Off Britain.	7:30 SoulEaters.
10:00 Holmes Under the Hammer.	8:00 The Apprentice: The Final Faw. Profiling the remaining five candidates.
11:00 Real Rescues.	9:00 Have I Got News for You?
11:40 To Buy or Not to Buy.	9:30 Live at the Apollo.
12:15 5p.m. Hunt.	10:00 BBC News.
1:00 BBC News; Weather.	10:30 Big Match News.
1:30 p.m. First News.	10:50 Question Time.
1:45 Doctors.	
2:30 Missing.	11:30 This Week.
3:00 BBC News.	12:30 Addicted to Games?!. Panorama. 1.00 Countryfile.
3:00 CBBC.	1:55 Antiques Roadshow. 2:55
3:55 Weekend Link.	The Young Ones. 3:00 BBC News.
4:00 BBC News.	
5:30 Regional News.	

8.30 CBeebies.
9.30 CBBC.
8.30 CBeebies.
11.30 Animal Park.
12.00 Daily Politics.
12.30 Live Science: UK Championship. The opening sessions in the remaining two quarter-finals.
2.30 Pointless.
5.15 The Harry Potter Cack Stack.
6.40 Eggheads.
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8.40 Nagels Kitchen.
9.30 Rick Stein's Cornish Christmas.
9.00 At Home with the Georgians.
10.00 Never Mind the Razzmatazz.
10.30 Newsnight.
11.30 The Apprentice: You're Fired! **12.00** Sportsday: UK Championship. **12.50** BBC News. **3.00** Clock.

8.30 Daybreak
8.30 Lorraine
9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show
10.30 This Morning
12.30 Loose Women
1.30 ITV News, Weather
1.55 London News
2.30 House Gift
3.30 Dickinson's Real Deal
4.30 Midsomer Murders
5.30 The Late Late Show
Shops, restaurants, music and comedy shows with celebrities and amateur heroes
8.30 London Tonight
9.30 ITV News, Weather
7.00 Emmerdale: Hour-long episode. Chas begins to feel guilty about the wedding.
9.00 Coronation Street: Live.
9.00 Coronation Street: 50 Years: 50 Moments.
10.00 ITV News at Ten: Weather.
10.30 London News
10.35 Coronation Street: Live.
11.45 The Late Late Show
12.05 Coronation Street
12.30 The Zang Zang Zang Show
3.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show
4.15 ITV Nightcase: 5.30 ITV Morning News.

12:05-12:30 PM: 3.30-3:00 PM:
 Cash. 4.50 To Gabou Sidick
 7.30 Freshly Squeezed. 7.45
 Everybody Loves Raymond
 8.40 From 9.11. 9.18 According to
 Jim. 9.45 Friends. 10.30 One
 Tree Hill. 11.00 Smallville.
 12:00 Channel 4 News
 Summary. 12.05 3 Minute
 Wonder. 12.10 Irish Cottage
 Brides. 12.30 My Fair
 Celine. 12.30 Film UK
 12.30-12.55 PM: The Last Weapon
 (1956)
 2.35 Countdown.
 4.30 Deal or No Deal.
 5.00-5.15 PM: 5.30-6:00 PM:
 5.00-5.15 PM: 5.30-6:00 PM:
 Four is a Red. 6.30 The
 Simpsons. 6.30 Hollywood.
 7.00 Channel 4 News.
 7.58 At the height of
 9.00 Kirstie and Phil's Perfect
 Christmas.
 9.00 The House That Made Me.
 10.00 My Big Fat Gypsy
 Wedding (1970)
 12.30 Reading. 12.55 King of the
 Hill. 1.45 Our Drugs Will. 2.45
 Dispatches. The British in
 Doesn't Want. 3.30 Brothers &
 Sisters. 4.15 ER. 5.00 One
 Tree Hill. 6.45 Countdown.

7.15 The Wright Stuff
10.45 Trisha's Unlabeled
11.45 House Doctor
12.45 Five Views
12.50 Elephant Charge: Asst to the Governor's Adventures
1.45 Neighbors
2.15 Home and Away
2.30 Meads in Marnie
3.10 **FILM:** Washing Well (2008) Fantasy drama, starring Jordan Leno
3.30 Five News
3.30 Neighbors
4.30 Home and Away
7.00 Five News at 7
7.20 Highland Emergency
8.00 Silver Plush Mystery: Revealed: How fans recreate the past
9.00 **FILM:** Man of Honor (2008) Fast-paced drama, starring Cate Gooding Jr.
11.15 The World of Supaid Criminals
12.15 SuperCakes
4.00 The PD Files
4.45 House Doctor
9.10 Mitchell's Wild Challenge

6.00 Breakfast, 9.95 Rip Off	7.20 A Question of Sport
Briars, 18.80 Horses Under the Hammer	8.00 EuroEntertainers
11.00 Real Rescues	9.30 G4
11.45 To Buy or Not to Buy	9.30 Strictly Come Dancing
12.15 Benjamin Hunt	10.00 BBC News
1.00 BBC News: Weather	10.30 Ringo Starr Live
1.45 Regional News	10.38 The Graham Norton Show
2.00 Doctors	11.20 The National Lottery Friday Night Draw
2.15 Newsday	11.30 BE FILM: Dirty Denz
3.00 BBC News	2. Havana Nights (R)
3.05 CBBC	12.00 The News at 1.00
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6.00 BBC News	3.35 BBC News
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7.00 The One Show	

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11.30 *Animal Park*.
12.00 *Daily Politics*.
12.30 *Live Snooker: UN*.
Cham. p.m. The opening session of the first semi-final.
4.30 *Pointless*.
5.15 *The Henry Bickers' Cook Off*.
6.00 *Oppenheads*. *Quiz show, hosted by Dermot Mulroney.*
6.30 *Stricely Grown Dancing - It Takes Two*. *Analysis of the couples' progress.*
7.00 *Live Snooker: UN*.
Championship. The second and concluding session of the first semi-final.
7.30 *Match of the Day Live*. *Q&A*. *Guests: Paul Rogers & Walford Rockall T. A. Jones.*
10.00 *The Stephen K Amos Show*.
10.30 *Ninemsn*.
11.00 *The Review Show*. *The week's cultural highlights.*
11.30 *Snooker: UN*.
Championship.
12.40 *Big FILM: Hollywood* (2006)

6.00 Daybreak	9.00 Countrywise Kitchen
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9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show	9.30 <i>Caronation Street: The Big 50</i>
10.30 <i>It's Morning</i>	10.30 ITV News: Weather
12.30 Loose Women	11.00 London News
1.30 ITV News: Weather	11.00 50 FILM: <i>Working Girls</i> (2004) Detective thriller, starring Angelina Jolie
1.55 London News	1.00 <i>The 50th</i>
2.00 House Gift	2.00 50 FILM: <i>Quincy</i> (the 2000) 1970s So-California rapist, starring Halle Berry
3.00 <i>Disenfranchisement</i>	4.00 <i>ITV Nightswatch</i>
3.50 Midsummer Real Deal	5.30 <i>ITV Morning News</i>
4.00 <i>The Alan Titchmarsh Show</i>	
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11.45 Tishia Goodland	7.30 Fifth Gear
11.45 House Doctor	8.00 White Van Man
12.40 Five News	9.00 The Mentalist
12.45 Man-Eating Leopards: <i>Austrian Savanah Adventures</i>	10.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit
1.49 Neighbours	10.30 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit
2.15 Home and Away	11.30 Copps in Crisis
2.30 Animal Rescue Squad	11.52 SuperCops
3.05 at 12.15 Angel: in the Family (2004) Drama, starring Mercedes Sucke	4.05 Matarunji Muzidil
5.00 Five News	4.30 Street Market Chicks
6.30 Neighbours	4.55 Rough Guide to Weekend Breaks, 6.10 Michael's Wild Challenge
6.40 Home and Away	

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Channel 4
Kirstie and Phil's Perfect Christmas, Tuesday, 7th 8pm

Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer provide advice on throwing Christmas parties for adults, with tips on how to create a sophisticated mood.



Five
CSI: Crime Scene Investigation, Saturday, 11th 9pm

Langston is suspected of being involved in the murder of a journalist who was planning to write a story accusing him of working with a serial killer.



Film of the Week
Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason, Saturday, 11th 10pm

The disaster-prone journalist seems to have finally found the perfect boyfriend. Comedy sequel, starring Renee Zellweger, Colin Firth and Hugh Grant.

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Tuesday

Accused, BBC4, 10pm

Andy Serkis stars in Jimmy McGovern and Danny Brocklehurst's legal drama, as a cab driver who becomes smitten with a customer travelling to the airport. In desperate need of money to buy a gift for his daughter, he breaks into the woman's empty flat to steal her valuables.



Wednesday

Bones, Sky1, 9pm

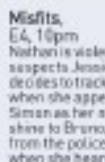
While Brennan is in New Orleans helping to identify victims of Hurricane Katrina, she wakes up one morning bloodied and beaten with no recollection of what happened the day before. Crime drama, starring Emily Deschanel and David Boreanaz.



Thursday

Misfits, E4, 10pm

Nathan is violently killed again, and he suspects Jessica is to blame. The gang decides to track the charity worker down when she appears to have targeted Simon as her next victim. Kelly takes a shine to Bruno, a teenager on the run from the police, and is encouraged when she hears his thoughts.



Friday

John Le Carré: A Life Unmasked, More4, 11.10pm

Jon Snow interviews the novelist and former spy at his home in Cornwall, discussing his life and career. The author recounts his childhood with his father, and his Mid operations during the Cold War in the 1950s. He also reflects on his best-selling book *The Spy Who Came in from the Cold*.



Saturday

Come Clog Dancing - Treasures of English Folk Dance, BBC4, 7pm

Canuch and musician Charles Hackett explore the history of clog dancing, and helps organise a surprise performance by 140 men and women in a busy square in central Newcastle.



Sunday

Macbeth, BBC4, 7.30pm

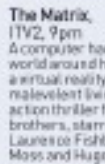
Contemporary adaptation of the Shakespearean drama directed by Rupert Baxall, filmed at Woburn Abbey in Northamptonshire. Patrick Stewart stars as a Scottish nobleman whose lust for power leads to murder and treachery. With Kate Fleetwood, Martin Turner and Michael Feast.



Monday

The Matrix, ITV2, 9pm

A computer hacker discovers the world around him is nothing more than a virtual reality fantasy created by malevolent living machines. Sci-fi action thriller from the Wachowski brothers, starring Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne, Carrie-Anne Moss and Hugo Weaving.



Saturday, 11th December

6.00 Breakfast.
10.30 Saturday Kitchen Live.
11.30 Nigella Kitchen.
12.30 BBC News and Weather.
12.15 Football Focus.
1.00 Inside Sports: The Marjorie Jones Story.
1.30 Live Snooker: UK Championship. The opening session of the second semi-final.
4.30 Final Score.
5.15 BBC News and Weather.
5.30 The Impressions Show with Cuthbert and Stephenson.
6.00 Strictly Come Dancing.

6.00 CBeebies.
7.00 CBBC.
12.30 The Season.
1.30 The 5.15 Show.
1.50 Revealed.
2.30 The Sky at Night.
2.40 **FILM: The Big Circus** (1951).
4.30 Live Snooker: UK Championship. Further coverage of the opening session of the second semi-final.
5.30 Dad's Army.
6.00 Making Scotland's Landscape.

6.00 CITV.
10.30 The Planet's Funniest Animals.
10.30 The Crocodile Hunter Diaries.
11.30 This Morning: Saturday.
12.30 News, Weather.
1.00 Best Ever Worst Dance Moments.
3.05 **FILM: Step Up** (2006).
4.00 **FILM: Liar, Liar** (1997).
4.30 **FILM: The Cuckoo**.
5.00 London Tonight.
5.45 ITV News, Weather.
6.00 This is Us.

6.25 The Trade People.
6.35 Go Go Go.
7.00 World Sport.
7.25 So It's...
7.55 The Morning Line.
8.05 One Tree Hill.
8.30 Ugly Betty.
9.00 Koko P.
9.15 Chrono Ideas of the Dawn.
9.30 The Dawn Treader.
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Sunday, 12th December

6.00 Breakfast.
7.30 Match of the Day.
9.00 The Andrew Marr Show.
10.00 From Britain Meets Jesse Jackson.
11.00 Country Tracks.
11.30 The Politics Show.
1.00 BBC News and Weather.
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2.30 The Sky at Night.
2.40 **FILM: The Big Circus** (1951).
4.30 Live Snooker: UK Championship. Further coverage of the opening session of the second semi-final.
5.30 Dad's Army.
6.00 Making Scotland's Landscape.

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10.30 The Crocodile Hunter Diaries.
11.30 This Morning: Saturday.
12.30 News, Weather.
1.00 Best Ever Worst Dance Moments.
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4.30 **FILM: The Cuckoo**.
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6.00 This is Us.

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The future of book is the Nook



THERE aren't many people who don't love to sit down and read a thrilling novel. In fact, scientific studies

suggest that reading a physical book actually makes us happier.

But in this day and age, books just aren't in such great demand as they used to be. So what is replacing them?

The term 'ebook' has actually been around for some years, but it is only very recently that the market for on-screen, electronic books has begun to take off.

And there is a good selection of 'e-readers' on the market to view books on, made by the likes of Sony, Amazon and, (although not available in the UK), the Barnes and Noble Nook. The Amazon Kindle is the most well known e-reader in the UK due to the online book store running a heavy advertising campaign. Luckily for Amazon the Kindle has serious merits: Through its use of an e-ink display, the 241 gram Kindle is very easy to read in daylight, and unlike LCD displays doesn't strain the eyes. The Kindle is of course also supported by Amazon's huge collection of 480,000 ebooks - many of which are fairly priced. This is one of the many advantages of e-readers: the ability to carry thousands of books along with the ability to search, highlight, bookmark and have it read out loud. The newest Kindle also has a web browser, blurring the line a little between tablets and e-readers. Speaking of tablets, offerings from Apple and Samsung make relatively good e-readers, but the use of LCD displays causes issues with reading in sunlight and the battery life doesn't live up to the likes of the Kindle. iPad and iPhone users are spoilt for choice with both Amazon and Apple offering ebook apps, but buying an iPad purely for ebook reading would be pricey compared to picking up a Kindle or other e-reader for a little over £100.

As I mentioned earlier, the huge American book retailer Barnes and Noble also has its own e-reader called the Nook. Unfortunately the device isn't yet available in the UK but is considered to be the Kindles biggest rival and even has the upper hand of a colour display. Although the Nook is let down in many areas - including the quality of the software it runs, the Barnes and Noble buying experience is second-to-none and the Nook also includes access to over half a million Google Books. But while it's clear that the ebook market is growing and e-readers are improving vastly in both price and quality, I doubt we'll be saying bye to physical books anytime soon.

Alex Brooks

Guilty pleasures

X-Factor rejects **Jedward** played *The Indigo2*. Dean Beadle went along and had a worryingly good time...



EVERY aspiring journalist dreams of breaking the big stories. Being sent to war torn

countries or interviewing the movers and shakers in politics. So you can imagine my horror when my latest assignment came in - I was to review a Jedward concert. That's right, that Jedward - the ubiquitous bouffant-haired teeny-boppers.

The novelty twins who hijacked last years X-Factor. I arrived at the Indigo2 on November 29 fully expecting to hate them. I am a man of good musical taste after all. So it almost hurts me to admit, that as performers, they are actually rather impressive. Their physical energy is remarkable. They are performers who put everything into their live performances. They leaped, stomped and flipped across the stage - and as a result, the sizeable audience of devoted fans was in raptures. The set list for the Planet Jedward tour is firmly focused on fun - and as a result we had Gaga Jedward, Black Eyed Peas Jedward, Britney Jedward and even Wham Jedward. As Mr Cowell pointed out on a number of occasions, they aren't the world's most versatile singers, but this show proved that they can definitely bring a song to life. The



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highlights of the show were their signature take on Ghost Busters and their anthemic rendition of Blink 182's All the Small Things, which, although an incongruous choice of single earlier this year, really worked well live.

However, it's fair to say that their on-stage banter needs some work. The shining example being when they asked the crowd "Who here has pets?" closely followed by "and who here doesn't have pets?" Priceless. There were surreal moments aplenty, such as when John (or was it Edward?) wrapped up his brother in tinsel, or the moment during a quick change where we were treated to the sound effects of Edward (or was it John?) going to the loo. But, let's face it, it wouldn't have been a Jedward concert without those

moments.

In many ways, the two-hour concert was akin to watching the infantile John and Edward progress through their early years. At the top of the show they were like toddlers performing at their first nativity. You were proud of them - cooing and welling up at the cuteness of it all. Then they progressed to five-year-olds showing off at a Christmas party who, after achieving the attention from a passing adult, continued showing off until it begun to grate. And at the end of the show, they were the seven-year-olds who had stayed up past their bed time, trying to drag out going to bed for as long as possible to spend more time with the adults. Quite cute really.

Jedward are a novelty act, and initially they are adorable,

innocent and energetic. You can't fail to be whipped up by their infectious energy. But after two hours, the novelty wears off and they become exhausting. At the end of the show I felt like a babysitter waiting impatiently for the parents to come home. That said, it's almost impossible to really dislike them and, as much as I want to deny it, I did spend much of the show with a smile on my face. The excitable and hyperactive little mites really do put on an upbeat show, and are undoubtedly good at what they do. It's clear that their young fan base love them and, I must admit, whilst walking home from the show I felt like I loved them a little bit too. And after that admission, I'm off for a lie down in a darkened room.

Dean Beadle

Rihanna gets Loud on latest



SOON after megastar Rihanna had wrapped up the final show of her sold out Last Girl on Earth tour in Chicago, she turned her attention to her fifth studio album, *Loud* - a return to the up-tempo dance grooves of her earlier records.

Setting the scene for *Loud* is the lead single, *Only Girl (In the World)*. The up-beat track is produced by Stargate, the Norwegian team whose career has been intertwined with Rihanna and her fellow Def Jam hit maker Ne-Yo since 2006, having worked on a number of tracks including *Unfaithful*, *Don't Stop the Music*, *Hate That I Love You* (featuring Ne-Yo), *Take a Bow*, and her most recent number 1, *Rude Boy*.

Speaking about the release, Rihanna said, "I've never been this excited about anything I've done creatively, and this is just the perfect Rihanna album, every



BIG PRODUCTION: album is loud by name and by nature

song is tailored to me.

"I wanted songs that were all Rihanna songs that nobody else could do. I didn't want the generic pop record that Kesha, Lady Gaga or Katy Perry could just do and it'll work. I wanted a song, or songs, that were Rihanna songs, that only I could do, had that little west Indian vibe to it, had that certain tone, a certain sass and a certain energy." She added, "*Loud*, the name of the album definitely reflects the attitude of it, it's really sassy and flirty and it grabs your attention and that's why I enjoy it. It takes you through a really, really interesting ride."

Andy Watson

Loud is out now at HMV, Greenwich Shopping Park, Charlton



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The Finnish line

With the arrival of the last in the series of **Stieg Larsson's** hugely popular **Millennium Trilogy**, **Dick Morgan** looks at our growing love affair with Scandinavian screenwriters...

THE Vikings have returned, to overwhelm our people and conquer our lands. But this time they're not after the spoils of war — they're capturing our imaginations in books and on the big screen.

First came the Swedish with Henning Mankell's Wallander, then Norwegian Jo Nesbo's Harry Hole plundered our reading piles. Scandinavia's most feared giant of the era however, is the Swede Stieg Larsson, and his trilogy of books which have proved irresistible for film makers, the final instalment of which, **The Girl Who Kicked The Hornet's Nest** has just been released.

But what made us surrender to this literary army in the first place? Certainly the stories don't uplift, with themes of serial murder, corruption and worse. And the characters are flawed: Henning's Wallander is divorced and insecure, an obsessive detective

who fills the emptiness of his life by investigating ever darkening crime. Larsson's mismatched detective duo even more so — Mikael Blomkvist, an obsessive compulsive is unable to commit, while his partner Lisbeth Salander is abused and reclusive, both psychopathically withdrawn and outrageously extraverted — even at her own trial.

So why do we yield? Because the scripts are so different, perhaps? The settings are certainly new, from rural Southern Sweden to the bright lights of Stockholm. The actors intrigue us, from the excellent (but hitherto unknown in Europe) Noomi Rapace as Salander, to the equally powerful but less striking Michael Nyqvist as Blomkvist. Writer Larsson carefully drives the flawed detective to the truth through endless hours of (often fruitless) research. But with the release of the last in the now deceased author's Millennium Trilogy, there is more: unparalleled acting. Rapace delivers yet another towering performance, surely the ultimate anti-heroine of the 21st century. This aggressive, sullen, anti-social outcast somehow manages to touch

something deep inside Blomkvist and to stir him into a series of selfless, life threatening actions, purely in the quest for her salvation. We are equally moved, and the final scene is a marvellous epitaph to the series. The chemistry the pair develops — with hardly a word exchanged — underlies both the power and the spirit of the trilogy. The supporting cast also deliver to a man — Mikael's editor, Erika Berger (Lena Endre) is particularly compelling. And finally, there is closure and resolution. Closure of the injustices Salander has suffered; resolution of her past and for the first time in her life; hope for the future.

Director Daniel Alfredson oversees what is arguably the most complex of the trio of films with great care and no little skill. While some of the ends are tied up rather too neatly, this trilogy will long be remembered. Daniel Craig is reputed to have been cast for the Hollywood remake, (a new Salander is, not surprisingly, proving more troublesome to find), and has surely taken up the most poisoned of chalices. How poignant it is that Larsson never lived to see or enjoy the fruits of either his books, or his cinematic conquest.

Verdict:
10/10 — Full marks for this unmissable series. 8/10 for this movie.

DM

TGWKAHN is in cinemas now...

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Top tennis at a venue that's come of age



PERSPECTIVE is as wonderful as hindsight. Take The O2. I must admit I was among the

merchants of Dome who couldn't see the point of the year-long millennium exhibition and was among the thousands who stayed away.

What we didn't know was the cunning plan to turn it into the World's Busiest Arena for entertainment and sport — and possibly the best.

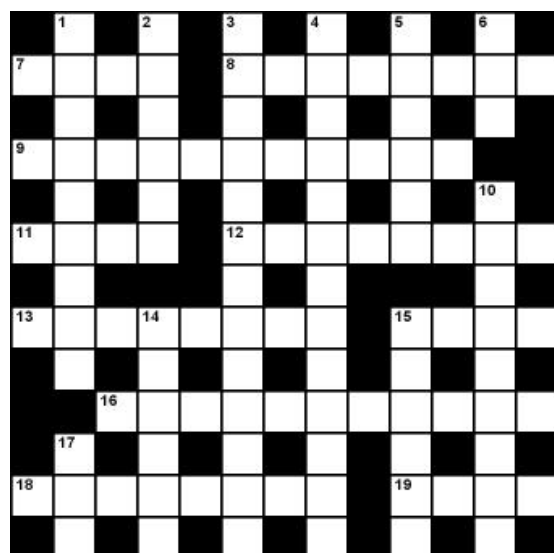
And as the five of us sat there a couple of Fridays ago, witnessing Novak Djokovic dismantle Andy Roddick in the last ATP World Tour Finals group match, it was the perfect time, (ten years after), to get a proper perspective on the place. Mine was to wonder at a venue I couldn't have dreamed of as a kid whose own sporting venue was goals without nets on Blackheath.

Catford Dogs, a somewhat dilapidated Valley and fearsome Den were the spectator outlets on offer. The beauty with The O2 is to accept it today as the norm, to watch as almost every seat in the massive arena fills up after the tasty little doubles hors d'oeuvres — even to accept the risible Darth Vader introductions.

This, remember, is world-class sport at the end of a 108 bus ride. My four young companions, totally missing the point, tried to drag me to the cab office and also spent the entire evening checking the betting odds as the matches progressed. They also availed themselves of some Chinese food on the premises afterwards while I chatted outside to some Police Safer Transport Officers, who had a doddle of a job seeing sport's politest crowd — all 17,000 of them — on to buses and down to the Jubilee Line. Apparently there's a bit of a lull until people start leaving the O2 nightclubs during the early hours — possibly including the aforementioned four young men... Safe and sporting — a night out that soothes the soul as well as exciting it. Perspective says the Dome's a gem.

PC

Time Crossword...



CLUES ACROSS

- 7) At this point in the argument indicate your presence (4)
- 8) Foolish and extravagant conduct that is meaningless (8)
- 9) Just attended to by a crease remover (5, 6)
- 11) Precipitation of a lightly solid consistency (4)
- 12) Colloquially worthless and unimportant (8)
- 13) Breeder and trainer of birds of prey (8)
- 15) Sudden fancy acted upon without any reason (4)
- 16) Disagreeable taste experienced in the mouth (11)
- 18) Continuously side by side and equidistant (8)
- 19) This sour change becomes yours and mine (4)

CLUES DOWN

- 1) Lasting a long time or for ever (9)
- 2) Incorporated senior member of a college, one of a pair (6)
- 3) That which is not only needed but essential (13)
- 4) Not in the least pleasant to rest upon (13)

- 5) Ingredient of a seedy breakfast (6)
- 6) Make a request, pray if you wish (3)
- 10) Subordinate, subservient and not the number one (9)
- 14) On which an oily design may be drawn (6)
- 15) With which one might fight back or conduct a regime of defence (6)
- 17) Breach in a barrier and wide divergence in views (3)

QUICK FIRE...

CLUES ACROSS

- 7) This place (4)
- 8) Baloney (8)
- 9) Freshly pressed (5, 6)
- 11) That white stuff (4)
- 12) Worthless (8)

- 13) Trainer of hawks (8)
- 15) Impulse (4)
- 16) Inedible (11)
- 18) Similar (8)
- 19) Belonging to us (4)

- 3) Crucial (13)
- 4) Uneasy (13)
- 5) Grain (6)
- 6) Enquire (3)
- 10) Subsidiary (9)
- 14) Sailcloth (6)
- 15) Missile (6)
- 17) Breach (3)

- 1) Recurrent (9)
- 2) Chap (6)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

ACROSS: 6) Mix, 7) Harlequin, 9) Therapeutic, 11) Sweep, 12) Pelican, 14) Creator, 15) Crêpe, 17) Conspicuous, 19) Hairpiece, 20) Pin.

DOWN: 1) Light work, 2) Happy, 3) Albumen, 4) Equilibrium, 5) Rip, 8) Freemasonry, 10) Tarpaulin, 13) Worship, 16) Winch, 18) Yak

Borough
BRIEFS**Card sale for good causes**

STILL wondering where to buy your Christmas greetings?
An organisation called Cards for Good Causes Limited is running a shop in St Alfege parish church in Greenwich town centre, where a whole range of different charities benefit from sales.
The shop, which is run by volunteers, will be open every day from 10am until 4pm until December 18, and it also has wrapping paper and other festive goods. It has cards from more than 25 national and local charities, featuring up to eight designs for each one. Orders can also be placed online and can be personalised.
● FIND out more about Cards for Good Causes by visiting www.cardsforcharity.co.uk

The spirit of young Londoners

LOCAL young people who helped out at a gala ceremony at Indig02 have received a special "thank you" from a main organiser and founder of the event.

Gary Trowsdale is managing director of the Damilola Taylor Trust, whose team co-ordinated the second 'Spirit of London' awards at the end of last month on Greenwich Peninsula. This year's awards, highlighting "positive youth" in the capital, marked the 10th anniversary of the south London schoolboy's death, and almost 2,000 young people attended.

Gary told GT: "There were a number of very worthy young people from Greenwich nominated but, in the event, the standard of nominees this year was exceptionally strong and they did not make the final short-list."

"There were a number of young people from the area working as volunteers on the project though and this is what makes SOLA such a special project - young people, mostly coming from inner city areas, all pulling together to see the young people of London portrayed in a positive light for once." The star-studded ceremony featured performances by multi-platinum artist and SOLA ambassador Alexandra Burke, music's next big thing Daley, multi-talented musician Labrinth, urban music collective Roll Deep, popular British hit band Toploader, stars of hit 2010 movie 'Streetdance' Flawless, Robbie Craig with the ACM Choir, and Sound of the Saintz Choir. Organisers say the event is entering 2011 "in great shape" - and they want to try to stage the 2012 show in The O2 arena itself.

Gary told us: "It's a big goal to set but, then, the Damilola Taylor Trust believes that the best way to tackle negative issues is to invest in the positive majority of young people and, in doing so, be big, bold and ambitious." For more information, visit www.spiritoflondonawards.com

Planners view traffic and cycle plans

ELTHAM High Street is in line for a series of improvements designed to make life easier and safer for drivers and pedestrians. They include removing some of the guard rails that make it difficult for passengers to get in and out of vehicles and force drivers to walk in the road to reach the safety of the pavement.
The junction of Well Hall Road and the High Street is also due to get an anti-skid surface, better road markings and pedestrian crossing islands, and more efficient traffic light sequences.
Similar steps are also due to be taken at the junction of the High Street, Westmount Road and Southend Crescent.
The lighting along Philipot

Path will be updated to make it safer for pedestrians, and the worst sections of broken pavement along the High Street will also be replaced. And some of the street signs and 'street furniture' will be removed to cut down on clutter along the length of the High Street.
Cllr Denise Hyland, Greenwich Council's cabinet member for Regeneration, told GT: "These moves are the result of us working with local traders, the Eltham Society and the Town Centre Partnership to agree what was needed to help traffic and make things safer."
Eltham High Street and the two junctions at Well Hall Road and Westmount Road were named as a priority in

the 2008 Borough Road Safety Plan.
Work is expected to start in January or February, using funding from Transport for London.
● Plans are on the drawing board to provide two new cycle paths between Woolwich Road and the Thames Barrier, and along the front of the Woolwich Ferry offices.
Both schemes are part of Greenwich Council's and Transport for London's aims to leave a lasting legacy for cycling and walking routes that provide access to the borough's three Olympic venues.
The first cycle path is proposed for Hardens Manorway to provide an alternative route between the residential estate in

Ruston Road and the Thames Barrier.
The second proposal will enable cyclists to travel east to west between the Thames Path - the riverside path - immediately north of the Woolwich Ferry car park and Glass Yard.
The idea is to build a combined cycling and pedestrian crossing on the public highway part of the ferry approach road.
The existing narrow footways along the private road are to be widened so cyclists and pedestrians to safely travel along the road.
The traffic improvements and the cycle path plans are due to be considered by Greenwich Council's Highways Committee on December 16.

Walking wonders
Health group members fund treadmill

by Pat Greenwood

A SUPPORT group for Greenwich's lung patients has gone that extra mile for scores of fellow sufferers.

The 'Breathe Easy' support group has raised money to buy a portable treadmill - complete with a heart-monitor link - which will help fellow patients across the borough with their exercise regimes.

It's currently based at the Waterfront Leisure Centre, Woolwich High Street.

But it can be moved round the borough to help any patients suffering with any kind of COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) who are referred to a special 'Healthwise' group by their GP.

Healthwise, backed by both NHS Greenwich and Greenwich Leisure Limited, runs rehab classes in leisure centres across the borough, not only for heart and lung conditions but also for low-back pain, weight management, and Parkinson's disease. An estimated 350 new referrals join the programme every three months.

Waterfront Healthwise team-leader Javier Diaz, told GT: "This new piece of equipment will help us monitor patients' general progress each week - and go a long way to reinforce their sense of achievement."

He added: "So often,



A BIG STEP: Breathe Easy support group members and Healthwise leaders unwrap the new treadmill

patients' physical condition makes it difficult for them to walk outdoors. Now they can use this treadmill for walking.

"It enables them to do it in a controlled, supervised way - maybe 'going uphill', gathering speed too."

Helen Jefford, the Greenwich Primary Care Trust's specialist respiratory physiotherapist who originally started the 'Breathe Easy' group, came up with an imaginative 'virtual' exercise challenge for everyone - to celebrate the arrival of the

treadmill.

She explained: "We've worked out it's 2.9 kilometres to Charlton Park from here at the Waterfront. So we're adding up all the distances people manage today on this new piece of equipment, to see if we can 'get there' on the treadmill."

"Next time, we might increase our challenge by looking for a Greenwich landmark slightly further away."

● The Greenwich "Breathe Easy" group, which always

welcomes new members, meets on the last Friday of the month from 11.30am until 1pm at the Hider Court sheltered housing scheme at 120 Hervey Road, Charlton. It's one of more than 200 groups across the country which are all part of a British Lung Foundation support network. Find background information by visiting The British Lung Foundation's website www.lunguk.org or use their telephone helpline 08458 50 50 20.

SPORT

Addicks' eyes on White Hart Lane

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off-message to suggest that, if fit, Matt Fry and Jose Semedo should play. We must learn to listen to our bankers. They feel our pain.

Charlton's overall record at Kenilworth Road is laughable. In 35 league and cup games, they have won six times, drawn four and lost, let's see, er, that's 25 times. The elder Nolan ruefully recalls a freezing 3rd round 1-0 loss on January 12, 1952, as one of many lowlights in an often disillusioned youth spent in thrall to his idols.

Some bad Hatter called Turner scored and Luton had Bernard Streten in goal. I mention Streten's participation because he actually played for England. At the other end was Sam Bartram, who never did. You might want to dwell on that injustice. Personally, I still bear a grudge.

Since the Addicks and Hatters failed to resolve their differences on November 27, the weather has mangled their preparations for the re-match. There have been, in the meantime, far more important developments at The Valley, namely the latest

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proposed takeover of the club by a mysterious group fronted by former CEO Peter Varney.

Details as GT went to press on Sunday are sketchy, not to mention shrouded in the kind of secrecy they could only envy at the White House, but the way I hear it, Charlton are required to prove that they've been duly diligent before Christmas Eve or the deal's off.

No sense pumping me because, as a bit of an insider, I can't say more. There's this large bloke down the pub who knows more than me about being diligent and he's keeping me in the loop. When I know, you'll know.

Charlton's players, meanwhile, just had to be galvanised by the take-over news because there's nothing like the arrival of new

guvnors to put a rocket up your trousers.

You don't want to be the one caught hugging the radiator just as a deputation of strangers arrives to inspect the premises.

You need to be on the ball, both on and off the field. First impressions linger so it's best to be out there on the training pitch, putting in extra hours after every one else has hit the showers, particularly if your contract is about to expire.

My Mum knew about first impressions. Tell 'em you're from Bromley, she advised, no need to bring Downham into it. Did I tell you we were lace-curtain Irish?

So, where were we? Right, just to say that Charlton might turn the take-over to advantage on Thursday.

As anxious employees, they'll be out to impress the new owners and Luton might get in the neck. They're a posh lot up in Buckinghamshire, what with two double-barrelled forwards and a cove called Claude behind them.

Well, the workers are coming. So loud and high, we'll raise the cry...revenge for '52. Let's do it for Sam Bartram.

Snow prevents loan defender Marcel making his Addicks debut

ON-LOAN right-back Marcel Seip was in line to make a possible Charlton debut in Charlton's postponed game at Rochdale on Saturday after joining from Plymouth Argyle until January 8. The versatile defender, 28, was snapped up before the loan deadline following news that Christian Dailly's suspension would keep him out for four matches.

● A PLACE at The Valley for the second half of 2010/11 is now available from £174 adults thanks to the club's half-season tickets, which take effect from the home match against Southampton on Boxing Day. All prices have been reduced and an adult and U11 can also watch 13 games for £174. Get further details on 0871 226 1905 or www.cafc.co.uk.

● CHARLTON'S U18s will play Norwich City at Carrow Road in the third round of the FA Youth Cup tomorrow (December 8, 7.45pm) after defeating Suffolk non-League side Bury Town 4-0 last Wednesday. Adebayo Azeez (2),

Bradley Jordan and Tosan Popo grabbed the goals.

● TICKETS are on general sale for the home league matches against Walsall on Saturday, December 11, Southampton on Boxing Day (1pm), and Swindon Town on Monday, January 3 (5.05pm), priced £17, £22 and £25 adults, £13 and £17 over 60s and U21s, and £5 all U18s. Also on general sale are tickets for the away league game against Hartlepool United on Saturday, December 18 (3pm) and the Johnstone's Paint Trophy regional semi-final against Brentford at Griffin Park on Tuesday, December 14 (7.45pm). Buy in person from the Valley commercial centre, or call 0871 226 1905.

● A SERIES of Christmas party nights and tribute nights has been arranged for The Valley this month. Tickets for the events are priced £39.95, including a three-course silver-service dinner with half a bottle of wine per person. Each night starts at 7pm, with a disco until midnight.

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SMILES AHEAD? it's game on for the Addicks as they chase a lucrative FA Cup-tie at Spurs and promotion back to the Championship

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THEIR minds concentrated wonderfully by knowing that the survivors' reward is a lucrative 3rd Round tie against Spurs at White Hart Lane, Charlton square off with non-league upstarts Luton Town in an awkward 2nd Round replay on Thursday.

It's reasonable to assume that the draw has similarly persuaded the Hatters' aptly-named manager Richard Money to revise his lukewarm attitude to the FA Cup.

What he previously regarded as a bit of a nuisance becomes now a matter of financial urgency. He will be hoping that money goes to Money. God knows, it's sorely needed by both clubs.

'Once Charlton were paired with Spurs, a recorded address from the club's bank manager has possibly featured in their boss's team talks'

The Addicks had their hands full with Luton at The Valley over a week ago and were grateful to be in the velvet sack with the big hitters at the end of 90 testing minutes.

Town's compact ground will be a cauldron of barely concealed spite and Phil Parkinson's men must deal with it as the new underdogs. "Manning up" is the modern watchword; any sign of weakness will be mercilessly exploited, in the light of which it is fervently hoped that the

sudden trend for snoods is discouraged; we're still getting used to gloves and only just recovering from lycra cycling shorts.

Once Charlton were paired with Spurs, a recorded address from the club's bank manager has possibly featured in their boss's team talks. He might have started by quoting the current bank balance before wandering

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Tramshed's Christmas

THIS festive season Family Theatre comes to Woolwich, in what GLYPT hopes to be the first of many family productions, *THE LITTLE MERMAID*. The play is by local writer Darren Rapier and will be on at The Tramshed, in Woolwich New Road, from 9th December until the 19th December. Originally from Woolwich Darren says: "It's great to see the Tramshed being used as an entertainment venue again, especially as it's for families. I think Woolwich is a real up and coming area now and a local theatre venue is an excellent idea." The Tramshed has been home to various companies and clubs in the past, headlining acts such as Dire Straights, Hale and Pace, Rik Mayall and Adrian Edmondson. GLYPT (Greenwich & Lewisham Young People's Theatre) took over the venue last year and have been running their youth theatre workshops and touring educational shows to schools from the Tramshed since then, as well as many other educational and community projects. As a company they have been going for nearly forty years and used to be based in Burrage Road and then the Arsenal, before moving to their new permanent home at the

Tramshed. This production represents their first professional show for families, rather than by young people or for schools. Jeremy James, current Artistic Director of GLYPT, says: "This really will be a production fit for all the family with magical moments, music and songs and a visual feast as we travel deep down under the waves to Neptune's kingdom at the bottom of the sea. If you've never seen a real live mermaid now is your chance!" Alongside the production at the Tramshed GLYPT are running a schools show called *THE RAGING SEA WITCH* by Emily Hunka. This compliments *The Little Mermaid*, as an interactive performance and creative workshop for schools who have visited the show. So come and see this brand new production, at Greenwich's newest theatre space. For group, school and family bookings, as well as individual tickets, contact the GLYPT box office, but do hurry as places are filling up fast!

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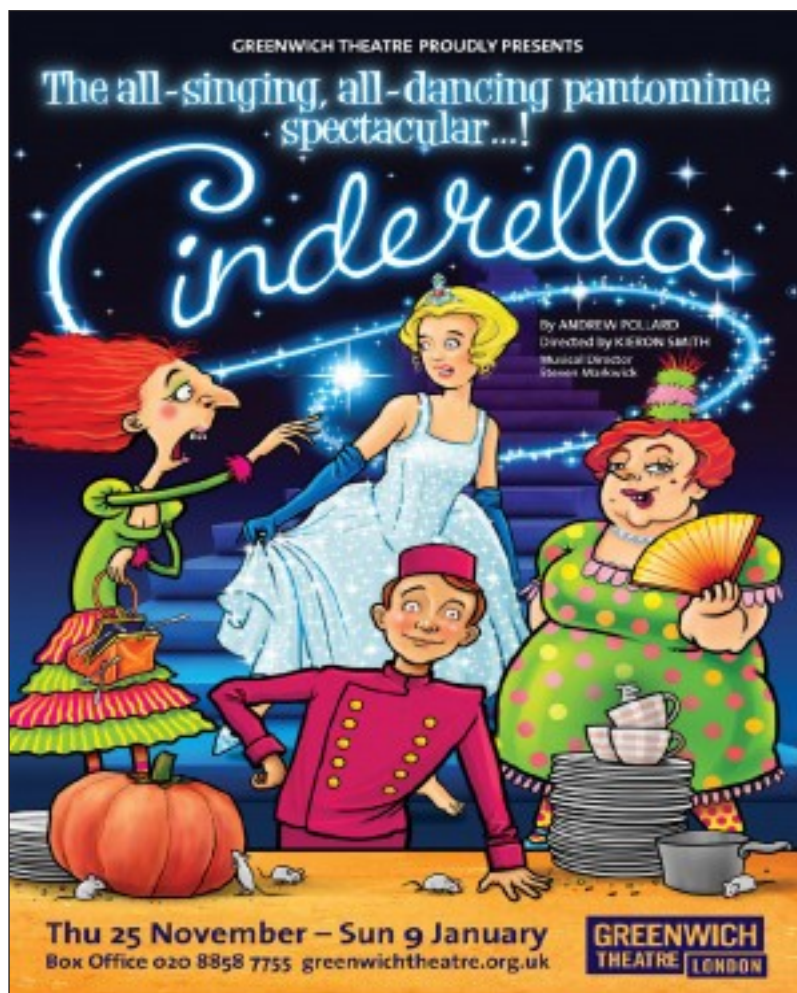
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Cinders puts in an appearance at Greenwich Theatre



FROM November 25 Greenwich Theatre was transformed to a fairy-tale world for an all-new production of CINDERELLA. The spectacular pantomime, which is written by Greenwich Theatre favourite Andrew Pollard, promises to be the theatre's biggest production yet, with the performance run already extended by 10 days to satisfy unprecedented demand. The show follows the traditional fairy-tale with Baron Hard-Up, Cinderella's poor put-upon father, spending all his money on endless new clothes for his conniving step-daughters while Cinderella is forced to cook and clean all day long. Only Buttons seems to notice how hard she works. That is, until a ticket to the Royal Ball arrives, Cinderella discovers she has a fairy godmother, and everything starts to change... With Hannah Wilding (The Sound Of Music) signed up to play Cinderella opposite Luke Kempner (Les Miserables UK tour) as Prince Charming, audiences are in for a particular treat this year as Andrew Pollard and Paul Critoph, both stars of the last five Greenwich pantomimes, unite as the Ugly Sisters. James Haddrell, Director of

Greenwich Theatre said: "Sales are already breaking records and we have now extended the run for the production. This is the show we've been waiting to produce for the last seven years - everyone loves Cinderella - but to have Andrew Pollard and Paul Critoph appearing together as the ugly sisters guarantees an unforgettable show. "It's what our regular audiences have been waiting for. Anyone who has never been to a Greenwich pantomime should definitely start with this one!" The production also reunites director Kieron Smith, musical director Steven Markwick and designer Julie Godfrey, the combination which made last year's Mother Goose such a runaway hit.

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